

# THE NOE VALLEY VOICE

## Residents Give Graffiti The Brushoff

By Loren J. Bialik

Graffiti has been around for 2,000 years. It's even defined in the dictionary as "an inscription or drawing scratched on pillars and buildings, as in ancient Rome."

But some people—like 30th Street resident Sue Bowie, founder of the Noe Valley Graffiti Abatement Team—are declaring, "Enough already!"

The team, organized a year ago by Bowie in conjunction with the residents' group Upper Noe Neighbors, has vowed not only to wipe out existing graffiti, but to nip all new graffiti in the bud. After all, notes Bowie, this urban blight not only costs the city \$4.2 million a year to clean up, but "decreases property values and invites crime into our neighborhood."

Bowie took action last August by urging her neighbors to adopt a street corner, a few buildings, or even a block—and to keep that patch graffiti-free. She suggests that residents pay close attention to areas around schools and bus stops, because "graffiti first appears on a public item [like a mailbox, street sign, or bus shelter], and if not removed immediately, will surface on private property."

So far, at least 20 people have joined her anti-graffiti contingent.

Clipper Street resident Don Kern adopted some of the sidewalk around James Lick Middle School, at 1220 Noe St. "Kids don't realize that the money we're spending on graffiti cleanup is coming from their school and recreations programs," he says.

Jean Ammerman, who lives on Valley Street near 29th, joined the team because "graffiti doesn't give people a good feeling about their neighborhood. Something's spoiled." She spent an hour and a



Noe Valley Graffiti Abatement Team members Sue Bowie and Don Kern get lots of stretching exercise while painting out the insignias of local taggers. PHOTO BY CHARLES KENNARD

half one day cleaning up a phone booth at 29th and Church.

Bowie is always looking for more vol-

unteers, and if you sign on (call 824-1062), the Upper Noe Neighbors will try

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## 24th Street Landlord Leaves Trail Of Angry Tenants

By Denise Minor

A veritable soap opera of rent control is playing itself out near the corner of 24th and Church streets.

The drama involves death threats, the eviction of an elderly woman, injuries that require emergency hospital care, falling chunks of ceiling, homeless people living in a basement, and numerous legal battles.

At its center is Susanna Shaw, a property owner deemed the "serial evictor" by the *Tenant Times* newspaper, who has allegedly bought four small buildings in Noe Valley, moved in to remove them from rent control, and then almost doubled the rent for some of the remaining units.

"She's just greedy," said Richard Sumberg of 3835 24th St., one of at least four tenants who have been involved in various legal encounters with Shaw.

"This place has inadequate heating, holes in the ceiling, and is in need of lots of repairs. And she raised my rent from \$800 to \$1,450," he said. "We fought it, and she's trying to evict us."

Sumberg appealed the rent hike to the city's Residential Rent Stabilization Board at a May 10 hearing. In August, a decision on his case was still weeks away, "due to a backlog of cases," said Rent Board Officer Sandy Gardzman.

For her part, Shaw claims she is living a nightmare in her own building, and has even received a death threat simply because she wants to receive fair and legal

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## St. Luke's—A Low-Cost Medical Clinic Only a Few Blocks Away

By Kathy Dalle-Molle

"Some mornings you can't get through the door, so many people are waiting for an appointment," says Georgina O'Neill, business manager of St. Luke's Neighborhood Clinic, as she greets me on an atypically slow Friday morning.

"You should have been here yesterday," she continues rather apologetically. "A hundred people were lined up outside the doors at 7:30 in the morning. The waiting room was packed until noon."

This morning only a few arthritis patients are present, killing time watching *CBS This Morning* on the waiting room television set.

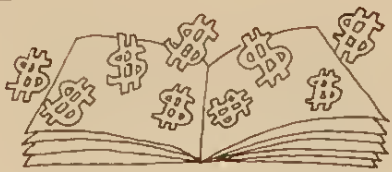
Overall, however, the staff at St. Luke's Clinic handles 11,000 outpatient visits a



Pediatrician Clementina Manio (right) often has her hands full at St. Luke's Neighborhood Clinic. PHOTO BY BEVERLY THARP

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### The Main Point of the Library Initiative

Editor:

The passage of Proposition E last spring was a voter mandate for the city's branch libraries—for longer hours and more books. The campaign for Prop. E was won on the slogan "Save Our Branch Libraries."

The history of the library system in San Francisco, however, has been that 50 percent of the library budget went to the Main Library and 50 percent to all the other 26 branches. So now again, the San Francisco Library Commission is proposing that almost half of selected new funding go to the Main and the rest be split among all 26 other branches.

Please come to the Sept. 13 meeting with the library commissioners (7 p.m. at 451 Jersey St.) and demand that the Library spend the money where the initiative promised to: on the branches.

Jean Amos  
Elizabeth Street

### Kudos to Those Willing to Go Out on a Limb

Editor:

Many thanks for your story on the neighborhood's defense of street trees ["I Think That I Shall Never See a Thing So Controversial as a Tree," July/August 1994]. The *S.F. Weekly* even picked it up!

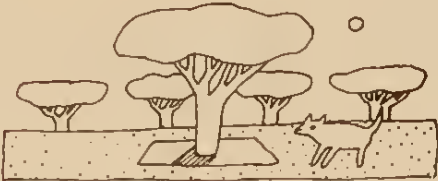
Reporter Steve Sheret did a fine job of presenting what can happen when private property rights clash with community and other species rights. However, he overlooked a vital message for any tree supporter: If tree activists put in the time and effort to appeal DPW cutting permits, all but problem trees can now be saved.

Celeste West and Jocelyn Cohen, two of the tree advocates mentioned in Sheret's piece, actually succeeded in saving the lives of several mature, non-invasive trees on Sanchez Street. I happened to sign one of their petitions, and was then inspired to become involved with the preservation of a beautiful liquid amber tree on Sanchez near Valley. This tree had been marked for removal for no other reason than that the property owner had complained that it shed leaves (gasp!). A neighbor volunteered to sweep and water it, so the liquid amber still stands.

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Please, tree lovers, talk to any "clear-cutting" neighbors about ways to care for or replace our Noe Valley trees. Then, if necessary, notify DPW about indiscriminate removal and protest. It works!

Jeannine Toussaint  
Valley Street



### The Urban Forest Is as Precious as the Rain Forest

Editor:

Few people realize that here in San Francisco we too are part of the greenhouse effect. Our precious large trees are working away 24 hours a day, removing unhealthy carbon from the air and pumping oxygen back in.

An established 20-year-old tree on our sidewalks is just beginning to support a little ecosystem of its own, which brings even more life in the form of birds and insects. How in this land of concrete can we place such a low value on the rich ecology that a big tree can provide?

Unfortunately, our city currently does not support a policy of nurturing older, established trees. A property owner has immediate permission to cut down a tree if they so request it, UNLESS there is sufficient protest.

So here are some concrete policy suggestions:

1. A property owner should be required to show that the community supports cutting a tree before a permit to cut is issued.

2. The city could institute a program where individuals and communities are rewarded for proper care and nurturing of sidewalk trees. People who plant and keep trees should get some kind of recognition, perhaps a special plaque or gift.

3. If there is a danger lurking ahead on a cracked sidewalk supposedly caused by a wonderful tree, why can't a warning sign be posted saying, "Walk carefully, sidewalk damage ahead"?

4. If a property owner takes down a tree that benefits the community, charge a tax, which in turn could support other trees in the city. The money from the tax could be used to help people who need financial assistance to care for a sidewalk tree.

5. Revamp the sidewalk regulations. Do we really need 18 feet of concrete down two sides of a street the size of Sanchez? Trees are only allowed a 4-foot opening. We should give them and other "green" more space.

The sidewalk tree issue in San Francisco is just like most of the other land issues in the world. There is a constant tension caused by people's use of the earth at the expense of Nature. How is it that we can see the necessity of saving the rain forests and old growth trees, yet not see the importance of maintaining trees on our own street and in our community?

Jocelyn Cohen  
Sanchez Street

### Pass a Bill of Tree Rights

Editor:

My "cohorts" and I, as tree activists, deeply appreciate Steve Sheret's article on the killing of street trees by property owners who opt out of tree maintenance or replacement.

Thanks to the *Voice*, we now have some faith that the Department of Public Works will no longer automatically condemn trees in the face of nonexistent, irrelevant, or patchwork sidewalk damage.

There are presently no objective, quantifiable standards that I could obtain from DPW to determine how much concrete displacement need occur for a tree death condemnation (hairline crack or quarter-inch upheaval?) However, in the case of sidewalk liability, it is usually less expensive and more intelligent to root-trim or patch a sidewalk every few years than to cut and dig out a mature tree. Other city municipalities, such as Oakland and Palo Alto, routinely perform sidewalk repair



and tree pruning as a government service to taxpayers and the greater biota.

May I suggest that all Noe Valley residents opposed to excessive tree-cutting help us get beyond case-by-case battles throughout the neighborhood and draft reasonable legislative provisions for tree rights in this city? Those of us presently on the "life and limb front" are advocating passage of an ordinance that would



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require property owners to replace any dead or dying street tree with a tree species recommended by Friends of the Urban Forest or DPW.

We suggest that the penalty for non-replacement would be a fine of \$500 per year per tree, unless the owner's income is less than \$20,000 a year, in which case the city would replace the tree(s).

Please call progressive supervisors, especially Noe Valley resident Susan Leal (554-6644) and tree activist Kevin Shelley (554-4005), to express your voice on the need for tree rights legislation.

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# LETTERS

## Bell Bird's Bizarre Bombardment

Editor:

After becoming a member of what I call the "Bird's Nest Club," by involuntarily donating a few strands of hair to that pushy little blackbird in front of Bell Market on 24th Street, I brought my camera up to see if I could catch him in the act. The results of this most aggressive panhandling technique are conclusively herein documented (see photos this page).

Although I am in sympathy with the situation of the homeless and have respect for the "clipboard people" who give their spare time gathering signatures for political causes, I sometimes feel like adopting the jacket-over-the-head style of escaping bombardment.

Bermuda Lee Schwartz  
"Noe Valley Girl"

## Watch the Skies!

Editor:

There was Tweetie bird. There were Alfred Hitchcock's birds. And then there was the Noe Valley Bird.

It resided on a pole near Bell Market's parking lot and swooped down to peek the heads of passersby, particularly those who wanted a cup of coffee at Spinelli's.

Some people suggested that the bird was merely protecting or building her nest. Other victims said the bird's tirades in human hair indicated pure meanness. I saw one man who got hit respond with equal aggression. He doubled back and chased the bird with his newspaper. "Kill that bird! Kill!"

Kai Sky Buck, who works at Spinelli's, has been a keen observer of the phenomenon. She said people often came in to Spinelli's touching their heads and saying, "You won't believe what just happened to me," and the employees all an-



Bermuda Lee Schwartz snapped these Before, During, and After pictures of the Ornerly Black Bird Attack of '94 (see letters from Bermuda and Dan Halas, this page). Let's hope the event was unrelated to the Horny Insect Invasion of '93 (see "Hordes of Horny Insects Descend on 24th Street," September 1993 Voice).

swered in unison, "The bird got you."

Kai even took notes. Here are some excerpts from her journal: "Everyone thinks that they are the only one, so there's a 'Why me?' mentality. [But] some people actually like it when the bird attacks them. Are we victims? [Do we see it as] a blessing, a swoop of bird wind?"

"Things people do when attacked: chase the bird, put a newspaper over their head, make gun gestures on the top of their head, give the bird 'the bird.' [Next time] they cross the street, wear hats."

Kai also informed me that there were some superstitions associated with the bird: It doesn't attack blonds. It attacks men (they're taller). It attacks pedestrians whose hair is dirty or unkempt. Smelling coffee fumes makes the bird crazy.

Kai's personal theory is that the starlings are paying us back for trying to push them out of the city.

We may never know the truth. After a few months' perch on Bell's pole, the bad bird of Noe Valley mysteriously disappeared in mid-July. It is my view that it was either assassinated or flew south. I hope the latter.

Dan Halas  
Duncan Street



## A Plea for Longer Post Office Hours

Editor:

The Noe Valley Post Office's lack of reasonable response to the public is very irritating to me. The following is the newest and most glaring example.

I recently sent the U.S. Postal Service one of their multiple-purpose memo forms. I asked whether the local branch could stay open after 5 p.m. one or two days a week, possibly Wednesdays.

I stated that it would be very beneficial for us working folks who can only pick up our mail once a week on Saturdays. I can never get to my box before the branch closes the doors weekdays. This means a boxholder who has to work during the week and on Saturday, or who leaves town for the weekend, may not be able to get his or her mail out of the post office for two weeks.

The post office's written response was a brief statement of the obvious: "We do not stay open past 5:00." Precisely my point, I thought. This was a very frustrating non-answer to a legitimate question.

I cannot believe I am the only one in Noe Valley who would prefer later weekday post office hours. If you agree, please

let the local branch know loudly, clearly, and creatively, or write me a letter and I'll pass it along. Tell them verbally and fill out one of their information request/problem/suggestion/compliment forms.

It will take a lot to move these bureaucrats off square one, but together we may be able to make it happen.

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# Help Stamp Out Graffiti: Adopt a Spot

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to make things easy. The group offers a start-up kit that includes free graffiti remover (for spray paint, scuff marks, ink, and adhesive residue), plus rubber gloves, old toothbrushes, acetone, rags, and single-edge razor blades. They'll even throw in some paint.

## Goof-Off Gets the Goop Off

If all you can handle is your own property, you may want to check out Tuggey's Hardware on 24th Street (282-5081). Owner Denny Giovannoli recommends a product called Goof-Off, which removes dried latex paint, as well as pen and marker ink.

"You have to remove these markings before you repaint," he says, "because otherwise they will bleed through."

San Francisco citizens can also obtain a free pint of graffiti remover and a pair of rubber gloves from the Department of Parking and Traffic's sign shop, located at 1999 Bryant St. at 18th (554-9780). And the San Francisco Household Hazardous Waste Collection facility at 501 Tunnel Ave. (330-1400) gives out free recycled paint.

## High-Tech Vans Do Your Colors

If you're feeling too pooped to paint out graffiti with your own two hands, call the Department of Public Works at 241-WASH.

Just this year DPW acquired four new graffiti vans, and although it may take a while for them to get to you, workers will come out and clean up private as well as public property, provided the property owners sign a release of liability.

Equipped with high-tech optical scanners, the crews can match any paint surface. That way, the repair job doesn't resemble a patchwork quilt.

DPW also hires youth from depressed neighborhoods, including kids from gangs,

to assist with graffiti cleanup. This has proven to be a good preventive measure, says Morton Miller, coordinator of Mayor Frank Jordan's Clean Streets Program (554-6109).

"When you hire people to clean up—which is a dirty and messy job—they learn an aversion to graffiti," he says.

Miller adds that the city "really needs 12 vans," but since the budget can only support four, he welcomes additional help from local groups.

## Fred Methner's Legacy

The Noe Valley Graffiti Abatement Team is not the only anti-graffiti group in the neighborhood. The East & West of Castro Street Improvement Club (647-3753) has also worked long and hard to eradicate graffiti in Noe Valley.

In fact, the late Fred Methner, who served as the club's secretary for many years, was renowned for the vigorous, almost single-handed anti-graffiti campaign he waged until his death in 1991.

When Methner passed away, his chief assistant, Dave Simon, took up the paintbrush. But these days, notes Simon, "Graffiti removal has become more of a community effort. I used to go paint out the graffiti 10 hours a month. Now it's down to two to three hours."

Simon thinks that graffiti peaked about two years ago, and he has perceived a decline in the amount of graffiti in the last seven to nine months. Part of the change, he feels, is because more kids have been made aware that this is unacceptable behavior.

## Graffiti Is Still a Crime

Unfortunately, most youths committing graffiti vandalism are never caught. Noe Valley Community Police Officer Lois Perillo notes that "to arrest someone, you need to see the crime in progress."

And even if the police can identify a "tag"—a person's distinctive mark or

signature—they can't necessarily arrest the perpetrator. "It doesn't mean the person whose tag it is put it up," explains Perillo. "Other kids consider it a dare to put up someone else's tag."

Nevertheless, she adds, if you do see someone defacing property, call 911. "Observe the person's description, including sex, age, race, height, weight, and especially what they're wearing," advises Perillo. If you witnessed the crime, but the vandals have already fled the scene, she says, call the non-emergency police number, 553-0123.

Over at Tuggey's Hardware, Giovannoli has always tried to stop graffiti crime before it gets started. "I stopped carrying marking pens at the store, so as not to tempt kids," he says. "And we keep a close eye on who's buying aerosol paints. We won't sell to just anyone."

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors went one step further last October. They passed an ordinance requiring retailers to maintain spray paints under lock and key. The ordinance was immediately blocked by a court injunction brought by several spray paint manufacturers. But in July a judge ruled in favor of the law, which is again in effect.

When all is said and done, community involvement seems to be the key.

"Don't sit back and let everyone else do it," says Bowie. "We all need to pitch in if our effort is to be successful. Let's send a message that we will not allow our neighborhood to be defaced!" □



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# Tenants Picket 'Serial Evictor' Landlord

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market value from her apartments.

"It's been war here," said Shaw. "I wanted to renovate these buildings, but because of all this, I haven't been able to. It's been a severe financial and emotional hardship for me."

In 1990, Shaw bought the six-unit building at 3825-35 24th St., an odd structure which, at first glance, appears to be two buildings. The front facade is divided into two sections, each with its own set of apartment entrances, but the two halves share the same roof and foundation, as well as a single set of stairs in the back.

However, Shaw was able to legally divide the lot into two, build a plywood fire wall between a portion of the two sections, and subsequently convince the City Planning Department to rule that the two sides were in fact two separate buildings, according to Ted Gullickson of the San Francisco Tenants Union.

"She moved into one side, and six months later to the day, she raised the rents," said tenant Sumberg. "Then she moved into our side, and did the same thing. If she were smarter, she would have waited a few more months, so it wouldn't have been so obvious."

By building that wall, Shaw was able to take advantage of a loophole in San Francisco's rent control law. The ordinance exempts buildings of four or fewer apartment units from rent control if the owner "has resided there in good faith as their principle place of residence for at least six continuous months," and if he or she uses the apartment for "more than temporary or transitory purposes."

Sumberg is contesting his rent hike on the law's stipulation that a property owner must live in the building "in good faith."

"She is not doing this in good faith," he said. "She is doing this to get around rent control. She moves from one building to another, raising the rents as she goes."

Sumberg is also angry that the city allowed Shaw to reclassify her building as two, simply by constructing a small plywood wall. "Aesthetically, this is one building. It shares a single foundation," he said.

But Sumberg decided not to use that argument in his case, because it was tried unsuccessfully by former tenant Nancy Carroll. Carroll lived at 3825 24th St. for a little less than 10 years, from September 1983 to July 1993.

In September of 1992, six months after Shaw moved into the building, Carroll received notice that the rent on her five-room flat would go from \$920 to \$1,300.

Carroll immediately filed a petition with the Rent Board to disallow the increase because of the deteriorating condition of the building. "We had inadequate heating, electrical problems, a rotten back door, and a rotten floor," she said.

"We had pieces of ceiling falling down, including a one-foot piece of plaster that came down inches from my boyfriend's head," Carroll continued. "Whenever it rained, we had five or six pots collecting water."

"I made numerous written requests that the repairs be made, and nothing was ever done," she said.

When Shaw learned of the appeal, she withdrew the increase, made some of the repairs, then upped the rent to \$1,450, according to Carroll.

Carroll then appealed the second increase on the basis that the separation of the building was illegal, and therefore the units were still under rent control.

"I don't see how that two-studded wall could magically transform this into two buildings," said Carroll. "That's where the subdivision of the lot became helpful to her."



*The owner of this six-unit building at 3825-35 24th St. removed it from rent control by dividing the lot into two halves, and moving in to first one side and then the other.*  
PHOTO BY CHARLES KENNARD

In September of 1993, the Rent Board decided in favor of Shaw. "The Rent Board's stance was that if another city agency [such as the Planning Department] had issued a certificate of completion on the wall and declared it two buildings, then they would not fly in the face of another agency's decision," said Carroll.

In the meantime, the Tenants Union was accumulating a thick file on Shaw. And when the renters' group learned of Sumberg's case, it jumped into the fray. "Once we recognized Shaw's pattern of moving into buildings just to get them off rent control, we decided to step in," said Gullickson.

On June 5, 20 union members and supporters showed up to picket and distribute flyers in front of Shaw's building at 3835 24th St.

Shaw said she was gone that day, but when she came home, there was a sign on her door that said, "Let's lynch the landlady."

"I called the police," she said. "That death threat was the end of any guilt I'll feel over Richard Sumberg."

Shaw was already angry at Sumberg for having taken her to court about the substandard condition of the building.

"He got \$7,000 from me through the Rent Board for repairs," she said. "I feel like he stole it. He's not doing repairs, and he's not paying a thing."

"Then he went to the other buildings I own and knocked on doors and said, 'Look how much money I got,' and encouraged them to do the same thing," said Shaw. "Doing all this is just harassment."

Sumberg said he was never paid \$7,000 by Shaw, but was given the legal right to withhold that much from his rent because of substandard housing.

Shaw claims that she is not attempting to evict Sumberg because he is fighting her in court, but because of the "Lynch the Landlord" sign. (Sumberg denies hanging the sign, and said he was not at the rally at the time it must have been hung on her door.)

Shaw was also peeved about the flyers distributed by the Tenants Union, and claims they were erroneous in stating that she had evicted "tenants"—plural.

"I've done only one owner move-in eviction," said Shaw. "Others have chosen to leave. They didn't have to."

According to Gullickson, the evicted tenant was Magdalena Serrano, who lived

in another building Shaw owns at 3356-60 24th St. Serrano was a longtime resident of the apartment, had low rent, and was in her 80s at the time of the eviction.

After the fact, Serrano contested the eviction on the grounds that Shaw already lived in another building she owned on Noe Street, and therefore did not need to displace someone, said Gullickson. The Rent Board ruled that Shaw had to pay Serrano \$14,589 for wrongful eviction.

Whether or not Serrano received the money is uncertain. No one from the Tenants Union has a record of where Serrano moved after being evicted, and no telephone number is listed for her.

Another previous tenant of Shaw's, Jennifer Cobb, was awarded over \$2,000 from Shaw in two different court decisions, and she has yet to see a dime.

"When we took her to small claims court, she told the judge that she couldn't pay us. She said, 'I don't have any money, and I want nothing to do with these people,'" said Cobb.

Shaw was not available to say whether she had paid Serrano or planned to pay Cobb. After a preliminary interview with the *Voice*, she changed her telephone to an unlisted number and did not respond to written messages left at her apartment.

Cobb said her travails began from the moment she moved into the apartment at 3360 24th St. in October of 1992. "There was ripped-up linoleum in the kitchen, a broken fence in the back yard, rotten back stairs, no locks on the windows, and holes in the ceiling," she said. "Before we moved in, she promised she would fix things."

Nothing in the apartment's interior was repaired until April, Cobb said, and only then because of the intervention of city inspectors. In early winter, a city fire inspector ordered repair of the fence.

"Homeless people were coming in through the broken fence and sleeping in the basement. They crawled in through the broken windows. There was tons of trash down there, and we found cigarette butts, so we called the fire inspector," said Cobb.

After repairing the fence and cleaning out the trash in the basement, Shaw decided to turn the basement into another apartment. "She never notified anyone," said Cobb. "There was no insulation in the floor, and we woke up one morning to this incredibly loud noise of people tearing out things below us."

Cobb went down to the basement after the worker had left and saw that his electric tools were plugged into the electric meter for Cobb's apartment. "We contacted the building inspector. We called five times before we got someone out," said Cobb. "He cited her because she didn't have a permit."

According to Cobb, the construction stopped for a while, then began again. She does not know whether a permit was ever issued, but she did talk to a tenant who eventually moved into the basement unit. "He moved out right away because there was no hot water."

In the meantime, Cobb and her roommates filed a petition with the Rent Board, asking for a \$665 rent rebate because of the dilapidated condition of their apartment. They filed in July 1993, a hearing was held in October, and a decision was reached Dec. 10.

"They actually awarded us \$1,170," said Cobb. "But we had moved out in November. We just couldn't take it anymore. So we didn't get to take that money off our rent. And she's never paid us."

But that is not the only beef Cobb has with Shaw. In April of last year, Cobb was injured at the apartment.

"When she finally got someone to fix the floor, they didn't seal the edges of the wooden boards right, and when I was running down the hall to answer the phone, a two-inch piece went into my foot and broke off," said Cobb. "I had to go to the hospital to have it removed."

Cobb showed the *Voice* large color photos of the piece of wood and her badly bruised foot, which had puncture holes where the splinter entered and exited. The hospital bill was about \$1,000. Cobb missed work, she said, and had to walk with a cane for some time.

In March of 1994, Cobb took her case to small claims court, and Shaw was ordered to pay \$1,100 for the injury, plus the \$1,170 Rent Board award. In July, Cobb had still not received payment, so she filed a writ of execution. A hearing was held at City Hall, and Shaw was ordered to reveal her financial assets.

"She said she has no bank account in the country, that she cashes her tenants' rent checks at their banks, that she lives on \$400 a month, and she has no car," said Cobb. "I can't believe it. She gets at least \$15,000 a month in rent income."

"Our only hope is that we were told we could have the Sheriff's Department serve a tenant with an order to pay us their rent instead of her," she continued. "But the tenant would have to be willing. They couldn't be forced."

"We've gone through every single legal channel we could," said Cobb. "All these things are there for you, but there's no enforcement."

Carroll was also frustrated with the legal system, and with a Rent Board and Planning Department that appeared to be governed by whim.

"It's very interesting what we found on our travels through the city bureaucracy—seemingly arbitrary decisions with no hard and fast rule," said Carroll.

"Shaw was allowed to subdivide her lot and split up her building. But I know of another instance on Noe and 30th, where the owner of a lot with two buildings on it was not allowed to subdivide."

Mara Lim of the city Assessor's Office said she could not comment on the 3835 24th St. case, but she admitted she had never heard of one lot with only one building on it being turned into two lots, except in the case of a condominium conversion.

Julian Banales of City Planning said his computer did not show whether the lot at 3825-35 24th St. had been subdivided, but that doesn't mean that it wasn't. "A lot split can happen for a number of reasons," he said. "And if it was approved, I suppose it was done legally."

Meanwhile, the Tenants Union is using Shaw's case as its primary example of landlord abuse and asking voters to support a measure on the Nov. 3 ballot. If passed, the measure would nullify the exemption to rent control now made for two- to four-unit, owner-occupied apartment buildings. □



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## A Clinic for the Working Poor

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year. But it's not the large number of patients that might impress the casual observer—it's the quality of care these patients receive, as well as the respect and concern that doctors, nurses, and administrators show to everyone who enters the bright, clean facility located at 1580 Valencia St., next to St. Luke's Hospital off Army Street.

For 74 years, quietly and with little recognition, St. Luke's Neighborhood Clinic has offered low-cost health care to the indigent and working poor in the Mission, Noe Valley, Bernal Heights, and South of Market neighborhoods. It relies on a staff of 50 volunteer doctors and just eight paid employees.

The wait at St. Luke's, unlike at most low-cost or free clinics, is usually less than an hour—and a warm, familial feeling permeates the place. Crayoned pages ripped from coloring books hang on the door leading to the clinic's pediatric office. Doctors in green surgical scrubs walk by, chatting, while another in a white coat emerges to greet an elderly woman sitting in the waiting room: "Buenos dias. Como esta?"

"There is no other hospital I know of where staff doctors volunteer their time as they do at St. Luke's Clinic," says O'Neill. "Both the staff and doctors are very dedicated to the community. It makes you feel good to be here."

Adds William Bremer, a pediatrician who has volunteered at the clinic since 1988, "The staff here is great. They really care about the patients. This is not a crank 'em through the mill type of operation. The staff is here because they want to be working with these patients. I don't have the feeling, 'Oh, it's Friday afternoon and I've got to go to the clinic.' I want to do this."

According to O'Neill, most clinic patients work, support large families, and are in the country illegally. During the last couple of years, however, clinic doctors have been seeing an increasing number of young adults—fresh out of college, jobless, and no longer eligible for medical benefits on their parents' insurance plan.

"More than 75 percent of the clinic's patients are employed, falling into the steadily growing 'working poor' category," says O'Neill. "Many are part-time or temporary employees ineligible for health coverage because of their employment status. Others work for companies that provide no insurance coverage or do not pay for it."

The clinic offers adult medicine, pediatrics, and 25 other branches of care, including nutrition, podiatry, dermatology, urology, cardiology, and psychiatry. Many families are patients at St. Luke's Clinic from cradle to grave. Even after they've moved out of the city, some commute to the clinic from as far away as Concord and San Jose.

Dr. Carmen Romeo, who has volunteered at the clinic for 34 years and is referred to by some clinic staffers as "the last of the great physicians" because he still makes an occasional house call, says, "I've been treating some of the same patients here for 20 years. I might see them as part of the arthritis clinic I run, but I'll take care of an ear infection or a sore throat. I'm their doctor. That's how these patients see me. On holidays they bring me gifts, but I tell them they should save their money. I just really enjoy the relationship with the patients."

Says Doris Sanchez, who lives in Mission Terrace and has worked as an administrative assistant at the clinic for 26 years, "Everyone who comes here is special. I like working here because I feel like I am helping people. I am contributing something."

Sanchez has been known to give elderly patients a ride home from the clinic so they don't have to take the bus. She

fondly recalled for the *Voice* the clinic Christmas party a few years back, to which 15 older patients were invited.

"The staff brought potluck dishes and donated canned goods," she says, "and we gave all the patients a bag of groceries to take home. They were so thrilled that they had been invited to a party."

Despite all the praise and good will, the financial picture for St. Luke's Clinic is far from rosy. In fact, in 1977, the neighborhood almost lost the clinic due to a financial crisis. Fortunately, the United Way hailed the facility out with a \$30,000 gift from its emergency fund. There have been other financial struggles since then, but the St. Luke's Hospital board and CEO have stood behind the clinic.

"We accept whatever our patients can pay," says O'Neill. "And we never send unpaid bills to a collection agency."

On average, the clinic charges \$22 per adult visit and \$17 for children, along with an annual \$10 registration fee. Medical and Medicare are also accepted. As a result, the clinic operates at an annual deficit of \$350,000 to \$500,000. About a third of the budget of just under \$1 million is covered by patient payments. The balance is met by donations from foundations and subsidies from St. Luke's Hospital, including the clinic's space.

"The clinic is very important for people who have no medical insurance," says Clementina Manio, a pediatrician who started volunteering at the clinic this year. "I love working with children and I enjoy working with low-income clients. There is a mutual respect and admiration among patients and doctors at St. Luke's."

"There is definitely a need for a clinic like this in San Francisco," concurs Bremer. "There are not too many options for people living South of Market, except for San Francisco General."

As one young mother who brings her 6-month-old daughter to St. Luke's pediatric clinic said, "I am really very grateful for the clinic. If the clinic wasn't here, I don't know where I'd turn."

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On Sept. 21, in conjunction with the American Heart Association, St. Luke's will hold a 20-Minute Women's Heart Check from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Participants will receive a cholesterol test, an EKG, and a heart disease risk appraisal. Blood pressure, plus weight and height measurements, will also be taken. The cost for the check is \$25.

Space is limited for both the seminar and heart check, which will take place at St. Luke's Medical Center, 3555 Army St., fourth floor. To make an appointment, call St. Luke's at 821-3627. □

—Kathy Dalle-Molle



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## Robber Hits Church St. Cleaners Three Times

By Michele Lynn

Residents of upper Church Street, concerned about the repeated robberies of a local merchant, are joining together to demand a greater police presence in the southern half of Noe Valley.

Royal Cleaners, a laundry and dry cleaners located at 1461 Church St., has been the scene of three robberies since last November, all allegedly committed by the same man. Two of the incidents took place within five days of each other in July.

One of the proprietors of Royal Cleaners, who due to fear of reprisal spoke only on condition of anonymity, recounted her recent nightmare.

She and her business partner bought Royal Cleaners in June 1990 and enjoyed being in Noe Valley. "At the beginning, it was really good. I like this neighborhood and people are very nice," she said.

Last November, she was working at the sewing machine near the front counter of the store, when a man came in and asked, "Can I get this jacket cleaned in one hour?"

"After I told him 'no,'" the proprietor continued, "he pointed to my partner in the back and said, 'I want to talk to him.' When my partner came to the counter, the man turned and saw no one in the street. He then scratched my partner's neck and threw him to the floor.

"I ran out and screamed for help. Two customers from the coffee shop [What's for Dessert at Church and 27th] saw him jump into a red pickup with another man. The customers got the license plate and called 911. About 15 days later, the police found the pickup. It had been stolen."

Once the police responded, the merchants filed out a report, but there was no police follow-up, she said.

The next robbery took place on July 16 at approximately 1 p.m., when her male

partner was alone in the store. Standing by the front window, he saw a man heading into the store, carrying a jacket and a \$5 bill.

Recognizing the man as the robber, the owner ran out the front door to get help. By the time he returned, all the money had been taken from the drawer. The woman owner said it took an hour for the police to respond to her partner's 911 call.

Five days later, at 4:15 p.m., the same man returned to the cleaners, asking, "Is Jack here?" The owners both recognized the man, who immediately said "Robbery" and took the money from the drawer.

Apparently unhappy with the amount in the register, the robber then pulled a knife and demanded more cash. He chased the owners to the back of the store, where one of them grabbed a steel instrument used to clean the dry-cleaning machines. While he fought off the robber, the woman owner ran out to the street, yelling for help. The robber then ran out to a car on 27th Street in which an accomplice was waiting.

According to the woman proprietor, the police responded within 20 minutes this time, and had her fill out a report. But three weeks later, the police still hadn't returned to investigate further, she said. They also never showed her any mug shots, so that she could possibly identify the perpetrator.

"I'm afraid to come to work. My children, age 5 and 7, used to come here with me. All the customers know them. Now I don't let them come," said the owner.

Asked whether she had thought about selling the business, she replied, "It's hard to make a decision, but we have to support family and support kids. You pay a lot of money to start a business. We are professional, and we don't want to do other things."

She noted, "In the first two years of my business, a policeman would sit on the bench on the corner. Now, not many policemen come by the neighborhood. At around 5:30 in the afternoon, we see some, but in the morning or at noon, we don't see anyone. I would prefer to have a policeman on the street, it would be more safe."

She said she had heard of an increase in the number of people being robbed in the early morning and evening. "A house on Army Street off Church was robbed in the past few weeks," she added.

In response to the robberies, many Church Street stores have placed a petition on their counters for customers to sign. It reads, "Given the dramatic increase in the number of robberies in this neighborhood in recent weeks, we, the undersigned neighbors and concerned citizens, demand immediate increased police protection for our street. This means police walking the street, thereby creating a visible presence." (Emphasis theirs.)

The woman who started the petition is a Church Street resident who prefers to remain "low profile, because I don't want some guy coming after me." She describes the petition as "totally a grassroots thing. It came out of talking to merchants after the cleaners was robbed. It came out of outrage that this happened to our favorite cleaners," she said.

"I am horrified that this man could rob the same place three times. This is unacceptable to us as a neighborhood, and the neighbors are banding together to stop this so it can be a safe, friendly street again."

She said the petition had not been sponsored by any formal group, but that the merchants were planning to contact SAFE (Safety Awareness For Everyone), a non-profit group which organizes block groups and assists in home and business safety. She added that the petition would be sent to the Mayor's Office and to the Ingleside Police Station, which has jurisdiction over "outer" Noe Valley, south of Army Street. (Mission Station covers the northern half of the neighborhood, including 24th Street.)

Ingleside Officer Ed Collins, the beat cop for the area, began his current assignment at the end of July. The first he'd heard about the Royal Cleaners robberies was when the *Voice* contacted him in early August.

"That location is at the extreme north-

ern edge of the police district," he said. "Three robberies is tough, but that [block of Church] doesn't seem like where I need to spend a lot of time.

"My beat is from Diamond and Chenery, north to Army down to Mission Street," he explained. "I try to focus where I have the most trouble. I focus extensively on Mission Street because that's where a lot of hot spots are. It's tough for me to spread myself all over the district."

Though Collins' shift is 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., "I'm usually on Church Street around 4 p.m.," he said. "[But] that doesn't mean I won't show up there other times. I try to be seen as much as I can throughout that sector."

Asked why the Royal Cleaners owners were not shown pictures of possible suspects, Collins responded: "After an officer takes a report, Robbery [Detail] has to show photos and get into the later investigation. But if there's no suspect, there's no sense in showing pictures, because there are too many criminals out there."

Officer Collins mentioned that the cleaners on Castro Street near 29th Street had been robbed recently. He said he would talk to the robbery division, so that they could investigate whether there was any connection. Collins also promised to stop in at Royal Cleaners to talk to the owners.

When reached in late August, a spokesperson from the Robbery Detail said no inspector had been assigned to the case and that there were no new leads or suspects. He said that two of the incidents most likely had been classified as petty theft, because only one, the July 16 robbery, had been forwarded to the robbery division.

According to the July 16 police report, the suspect is a black male with black hair, 6-foot-2, weighing 190 pounds. □

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## Two Noisy Shoplifting Incidents

By Officer Lois Perillo

On July 12, some of you may have been in or near the Noe Valley Walgreen's at 2 p.m., or the local Thrifty Jr. at 6:30 p.m., and witnessed store personnel detaining two shoplifting suspects.

Both incidents were filled with struggle and yelling, and ended with the district attorney's filing two felony charges against each suspect, for robbery and theft with a prior conviction.

Especially for those of you who didn't see the incidents from the outset, and for those who have not had taken any citizens' Police Academy classes, I'd like to share information that may prove helpful.

Whenever a person sees another commit a crime, s/he may make a private citizen's arrest, using the force necessary to detain the suspect, pending police arrival.

In the Walgreen's incident, the store manager saw a 29-year-old woman accompanied by her five children, who were 3 weeks, 1, 3, 7, and 10 years old, take merchandise from the store shelves and put the items under her infant.

When the suspect attempted to leave the store, the manager blocked her path and demanded she return the items. The suspect's response was to grab the manager by the neck, causing cuts and bruising, which were still visible to me six days after the incident. The suspect then pushed the manager backward into the door, and tried to flee.

Upon the manager's direction, the store staff blocked the door, attended the suspect's children, and provided the suspect a chair. All the while, the suspect yelled about the welfare of her children, in a possible attempt to divert attention from the alleged crime and garner sympathy from other customers.

Meanwhile, officers Larry Gray and Mark Laherty arrived, took custody of the suspect, and arranged for her mother to take custody of the five children.

Four hours later, I was called to Thrifty Jr. on 24th Street, to assist a store loss prevention agent (a security guard) who was detaining a shoplifting suspect. Prior to my arrival, the agent had handcuffed the 40-year-old male suspect and taken him to an office at the rear of the store.

When the suspect saw me, he immediately said, "I didn't even leave the store! He can't arrest me! It's not a crime unless I leave the store!"

The suspect was referring to the fact that certain elements of a crime must be present for the police to charge a specific

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code violation. Among those elements necessary to constitute shoplifting is the suspect's passing the "point of purchase" without paying for the merchandise.

Now, the point of purchase is different for every premise and depends upon the store's layout. A cash register, a one-way aisle, or a turnstyle are examples. However, an undisputed point of purchase is the exit—and the suspect was aware of this legal distinction.

The witnesses, however, were more concerned with the manner of arrest.

The agent told me he saw the suspect in the cosmetics aisle, holding open the back neckline of his tucked-in tee shirt and dropping store merchandise down the back. The suspect passed the cash registers and began exiting the store when the agent blocked his path and showed his badge to the suspect, who turned around and ran back into the store.

The agent followed, grabbed the suspect, and demanded compliance. The suspect resisted, and the agent brought him to the floor, using verbal commands and physical holds to handcuff him.

Apparently the two made quite a scene. I was told that several customers left upset, and one of the witnesses, who stayed to speak with me, expressed concern over the force the agent used.

I explained the guidelines that all people are required to use when effecting arrest. And later, when I spoke with the suspect, his issue was not the force that had been used in the arrest, but the fine point of where he had been confronted.

In any case, the suspect was booked on the two felony counts.

### Panhandling Near ATMs

At the end of July, I received the following letter from a community member:

"Dear Officer Perillo: It has been some time since the voters passed the ordinance regarding loitering within 30 feet of ATM machines. The practice is alive and well in spite of the voters' wishes.

"Passive-aggressive panhandling still persists near the Wells Fargo and Bank of America on 24th Street. Will you please enforce the will of the people?"

Interestingly enough, the same day I got the letter, my supervisors gave me a copy of the recently printed "Notice of Admonition," which police officers are now authorized to deliver to loiterers when appropriate. The notice states:

"You have been warned that Municipal Police Code Section 121 prohibits loitering and lingering within 30 feet of a cash dispensing machine for any time over one minute while anyone is conducting a transaction at the machine.

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Panhandlers, take note.

### The Robbery Tally

There was only one reported robbery within my Noe Valley beat during June. However, there were six reported robberies during July.

On June 30 in the late evening, a 44-year-old man who invited a 32-year-old home to fix his stereo was assaulted by the younger man and robbed of money.

On July 10, a 26-year-old man went to the Tenderloin Police Station to report that he and a 24-year-old woman had been robbed at gunpoint on the 800 block of Dolores Street at 1 a.m.

A man who was waiting for a cab at 26th and Guerrero on July 18 at 4 a.m. was robbed of cash by two men in their 20s.

While walking north on Castro toward Alvarado on July 19 at 10 p.m., a 27-year-old man was confronted by a man in his 20s who pointed a revolver at him. "Put your hands on the wall!" said the suspect, who then demanded money while a second man stood nearby. The targeted man complied, and the suspects fled east on Alvarado. Police responded and detained a man pending a viewing by the targeted man, who said the detainee was not one of his assailants.

A cabbie who picked up a fare at Powell and Market and dropped him off at 21st and Guerrero on July 21 at 2:40 a.m. was robbed at knifepoint by his rider, who fled west on Liberty Street.

On July 26 at 12 midnight, a 24-year-old man who was walking north on Sanchez approaching the 22nd Street corner was confronted by two teenage males. One suspect pointed a pistol at the targeted man and ordered him against the wall while pushing the gun into his ribs.

The gun-wielding suspect told the man to give his wallet to the second suspect, then ran south on Sanchez, not looking back. The man complied, and the suspects fled in an unknown direction.

In the final incident, a teenage male whose brother was attacked and robbed of his baseball cap at Castro and Alvarado on July 27 at 1:30 p.m. by two male teens, went to his brother's aid and was attacked by four more teens. Both targeted boys ran to a friend's house, where the older boy got two bottles, returned to the scene, and broke several windows, according to witnesses.

When police responded, they were directed to the two targeted boys. On advisement of the police sergeant, both boys were admonished regarding the win-

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dow vandalism and advised regarding the follow-up to the assault and robbery.

### Burglaries Hold Steady

The burglary count for my section of Noe Valley (north of Army Street) held fast for June and July: seven per month. Residents reported about an equal number of house and apartment break-ins, and one garage break-in.

With the help of an astute community member, police retrieved possible stolen property from the 22nd and Church Street area. However, we were unable to determine the property owner(s).

If you are missing an electric typewriter, diary books, photo viewer, electric scale, or a humidifier, please contact Inspector Jim Stokes at 553-1392 and refer to S.F.P.D. case number 940814979. You can claim your property by providing proper identifying information.

### 'No Left Turn' at Bell Is Official

On the traffic control front, Bond Yee, bureau chief of the Department of Parking and Traffic's engineering division, said yes to my December 1993 request to install a city no left turn sign at the exit to Bell Market on 24th Street. (The existing sign, erected by the supermarket, is largely ignored.)

Yee also authorized his department to paint crosswalks at 24th and Chattanooga streets. He indicated that both the sign and the new crosswalks would be in place "as soon as possible."

### Outcome of Cybelle's Case

Back in March, I reported on a 43-year-old man who was acting erratically, attempting to steal tips from Cybelle's Pizza on 24th Street. During the incident, he pushed several people on the sidewalk, entered a beer truck, and assaulted a police officer.

Well, this case received a disposition on Aug. 3. The man pled guilty to battery on a police officer and was sentenced to 90 days in jail (suspended) and 18 months' probation. He served one day in jail.

Also, the judge issued an order that he stay away from Cybelle's Pizza and from the two citizens who assisted the officer in making the arrest.

That's it for this month. Until next time, see you on patrol. □



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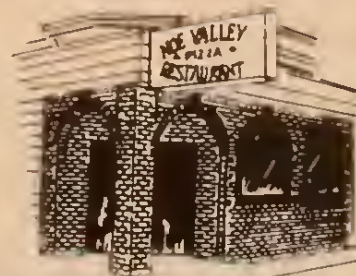
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# Saving Energy Is Second Nature to John Knox

By Karen Topakian

What would you do with an old bathtub? Put it out on the curb for big trash day? Donate it to the Salvation Army? Turn it into a planter?

Not if you're John Knox, environmentalist and 25-year Noe Valley resident. Knox employs his used bathtub as a key component in a home gray-water recycling system.

Pipes from his washing machine carry the outflow through his house into an old white porcelain tub placed at an angle under his deck. The water collects in the bathtub, then flows into more pipe that irrigates his lush garden. (Knox uses a laundry detergent designed to support plant growth.)

Behind Knox's small Victorian on Army Street, 24 huge Early Girl tomato plants, grown from seeds, are all corralled in by their own tomato cages. Nearby, plum, apricot, and apple tree branches hang heavy from the weight of their sweet fruit. Peas are kept in line by white strings tied to stakes. Cucumbers, squash, and other vegetables round out the bounty that owes its thanks to dirty laundry water and Knox's ingenuity.

That ingenuity and commitment to self-sufficiency were at work back in the late 1970s when Knox began redesigning his home. "I became interested in making smart choices on energy and building materials," he explains.

Knox and his then partner, Lucy Dilworth, were intrigued and influenced by the book *Integral Urban House: Self-Reliant Living in the City*, written by Sim Van der Ryn and published by the Farallones Institute. They incorporated many of the book's energy-saving ideas into their renovation. They also chose to grow much of their own food, and to raise rabbits, chickens, and a duck.

Twenty years later, Knox, 48, lives in his personalized version of an integral urban house complete with double-glazed windows, super-insulated floors and walls, a solar-collector hot water system, skylight, new plumbing and electrical wiring, a worm box, two compost piles, a shredder, and the aforementioned garden.

Prior to becoming so immersed in making environmentally sound home improvements, Knox devoted himself to Noe Valley improvement activities. His community involvement began in 1969 when he joined the residents' group Friends of Noe Valley.

At that time Knox, who has a degree in psychology from Antioch College, was working as a supervisor for the San Francisco Community Rehabilitation Workshop. Between performing evaluations for the State Department of Rehabilita-



Environmentalist John Knox has designed a bathtub recycling system that waters the tomatoes in his backyard garden on Army Street. PHOTO BY CHARLES KENNARD

tion, he ran off the Friends' monthly newsletter on the Gestetner (a duplicating machine popular before the days of photocopiers).

Over the next few years Knox rose up through the Friends' ranks, from Gestetner operator to president, a position he held from 1974 to 1977. During this time he helped to facilitate a much needed upgrading of the Noe Valley Library.

With city grant funds, the Friends built a community meeting room on the library building's ground floor, plus a small kitchen across the hall. The library space, located upstairs, could be locked at closing time, leaving the meeting room and kitchen accessible to the public after hours.

The library seemed the logical choice for such a space, notes Knox, since the neighborhood lacked a non-denominational community center at the time. The Friends also built a deck off the children's room and planted a garden in the back.

"With John Knox everything was possible," says Noe Valley architect Albert Lanier, who did the design for the library renovation. "He was very faithful, showed up to work every Saturday for a year and a half. He was one of the driving forces behind the project."

Knox also spearheaded the 24th Street Fair, an annual event co-sponsored with

the Noe Valley Merchants Association that was a great success for many years. In addition, he led the Friends in conducting a traffic survey to identify traffic patterns in the Clipper/Army corridor. Under his leadership, the Friends of Noe Valley received a Bicentennial Neighborhood Grant in 1976 for being an exemplary community group.

During his years as president, Knox hobnobbed with some of the city's prime movers and shakers. He smilingly recalls how Mayor George Moscone surprised him with a soul-brother handshake while handing him the bicentennial award. He also remembers the evening Harvey Milk came over to his house for dinner, just two weeks before Milk's assassination.

Knox's focus on Noe Valley wound down in the late 1970s, about the time he accepted a three-year position at Friends of the Earth, working as a systems consultant and general factotum.

In 1986 he went to work as a volunteer at Earth Island Institute, a national environmental organization devoted to de-

veloping projects "that attempt to find solutions to a wide range of environmental problems. It is a decentralized organization focused on its projects and not on a bureaucracy," he says.

Before his first year as a volunteer was up, Knox was appointed executive director at Earth Island, a position he still holds.

One of the institute's projects, developed by a surgical nurse, involves reusing medical equipment and supplies by donating them to Third World countries where such tools can literally mean the difference between life and death. "I am enthralled by people trying to do things, finding a creative way," says Knox.

Lately Earth Island Institute has been attempting to take a less combative stance by "making more deals than just opposing the bad guys... finding more common ground," says Knox. He cites as an example a lawsuit settled between the institute and Southern California Edison (SoCal) over the management of the San Onofre nuclear power plant near San Diego. Because of the settlement, Earth Island is working with SoCal to develop the SoCal Marine Environmental Education Program.

Even though his job title reads executive director, Knox notes that he's the one who changes the fluorescent light bulbs. He also spent most of his time the day of this interview unraveling a glitch in Earth Island's voice mail system.

He enjoys getting his hands dirty, like in his backyard garden where he wants to rebuild a fence constructed of redwood slats. "No one ever tells you that redwood rots," he laughs.

When asked what shape his involvement with the Noe Valley community might take today if he had more free time, Knox responds, "I would want to do more neighborhood things in a '90s mode—like a neighborhood energy audit, looking at car-sharing, transportation, etc."

"Most neighborhood projects are defensive, such as fighting crime or zoning. Proactive [projects] would be more interesting, responding to global problems locally."

Off the top of his head, Knox envisions two unique projects for the neighborhood. The first would be a composting center complete with a role for kids to play: collecting hair from neighborhood hair salons and pulp from the juice bars, which would help solve some of the city's solid waste management problems.

The second project would be "a computer bulletin board for ride-sharing from Noe Valley, to decrease the number of automobiles on the road."

Knox, by the way, usually practices what he preaches. He hasn't owned a car since 1975. □

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If you want to have a say in how Library Fund monies are spent, you should attend one of the public hearings scheduled by the San Francisco Public Library Commission. These meetings, which began last month and are continuing through September, provide a forum for library patrons to voice their preferences.

The Noe Valley meeting will be held at the local branch library, 451 Jersey St., on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. Both the president and vice president of the San Francisco Library Commission will be there to gather input from neighborhood residents.

Other meetings will take place at the Eureka Valley—Harvey Milk Branch, 3555 16th St., on Thursday, Sept. 1, at 7 p.m., and at the Mission Library, 3359 24th St., on Thursday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m.

The Main Library hearing will be held Thursday, Sept. 8, at 5 p.m.

For further information or a schedule of other branch hearings, contact Marcia Schneider at 557-4277.

## Writers' Salons

If you're a writer searching for a community of other writers, you may want to check out the Writing Parlor, a sunny Victorian flat at 77 Dorland St. (near Mission Dolores Park). The Parlor is home to a variety of writing classes, as well as salons featuring short readings by local writers.

Preregistration begins this month for a series of eight-week writing workshops in fiction (Mondays, 7 to 10 p.m.), playwriting (Tuesdays, 7 to 10 p.m.), and screenwriting (Wednesdays, 7 to 10 p.m.). Other classes include a "Word Jam" session on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon, and a grantwriting workshop for artists (time to be arranged).

The Writing Parlor, organized by a group of several teachers and writers, was inspired by the salons of the 19th century and emphasizes small classes (10 to 12 people), a non-institutional environment, and relatively low fees.

Prices for the eight-week workshops are \$175 prior to Oct. 1 and \$205 after that. Word jams (which are not classes) cost \$5 per session.

For exact dates and more details, call Carol Lloyd at 252-7643.

## Music for Everyone

The Community Music Center, which offers private music lessons and other musical activities, will register new students for the fall quarter on Tuesday and Friday, Sept. 13 and 16, from 3 to 7 p.m., and on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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CMC has also scheduled several public performances in September. Vocalists Melissa Carey and Christian Nova will sing Broadway tunes on Saturday, Sept. 10, starting at 8 p.m.

On Sunday, Sept. 11, at 4 p.m., pianist Kevin Rayhill will give a solo recital of classical works. And on Sunday, Sept. 18, at 4 p.m., soprano Laura Storm and pianist Robert Schwartz will present music by Fauré and Strauss. (Call 647-6015 for ticket information.) All performances will take place at 544 Capp St.

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Applications are now being accepted for membership on the San Francisco Drug Abuse Advisory Board by the Board of Supervisors. Members serve three-year terms without compensation, and participate in the planning, evaluation, and budgeting of city-funded drug abuse and treatment programs.

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Applications should be sent directly to the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 325, San Francisco, CA 94102. Applicants will be contacted by the Rules Committee Clerk to attend a hearing and be interviewed. To have an application mailed to you, call the Advisory Board's executive officer, Eric Brizee, at 255-3521.

## Yo! Yoga

The Back Room Yoga Studio, located at 1199 Sanchez St. (near 25th Street) is conducting a free beginning yoga class on Saturday, Sept. 10, noon to 1 p.m.

The studio is also offering three different workshops in September: Yoga for Kids! on Fridays, Sept. 2 to 30, from

3:30 to 5 p.m. (\$10 per session or \$45 for all five); Massage for Couples, Saturday, Sept. 10, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. (\$165 per couple, enrollment limited to five couples); and Yoga from the Inner Body, Saturday, Sept. 24, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. (\$40 per person).

The Back Room Yoga Studio offers ongoing classes and events related to yoga, movement therapy, and meditation. Call 821-2979 for more information or to reserve a spot in one of the current classes.

## AIDS Action

The Most Holy Redeemer AIDS Support Group needs volunteers to give one-on-one practical and emotional support to people with HIV/AIDS, and applications for volunteer training are now being accepted.

A volunteer orientation meeting will be held Oct. 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 100 Diamond St. Subsequent training sessions will be offered on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15 and 16, at St. Mary's Hospital Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To obtain an application, call the volunteer services coordinator, Dr. Jeff Sunshine, at 863-1581, or stop by the Most Holy Redeemer office at 4321 18th St. in the Castro District.

## Give Schools a Boost

Neighborhood residents interested in enriching the public schools can serve as volunteers in local schools through San Francisco School Volunteers (SFSV), a non-profit educational organization. Volunteers of all ages are being sought to donate at least one hour per week for a variety of assignments in local elementary, middle, and high schools.

In addition, SFSV is recruiting seniors for its Senior Reading Program in which volunteers, age 55 and older, are trained

to tutor elementary school students in reading and writing.

According to 20th Street resident Ellis Harris, 79, working as a volunteer in Douglass School was as rewarding for him as it was for the children.

"I help the kids develop an interest in the wonders of books and stories, and stimulate their interest in learning. I read to them and they read to me, write stories, and draw pictures. It's rewarding to see how these kids respond," Harris said.

San Francisco School Volunteers will offer an orientation and training for all volunteers on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Raphael Weill Elementary School, 1501 O'Farrell St. (near Webster). The orientation is free, but space is limited and preregistration is required. To enroll, call Harold or Caila at SFSV, 274-0250.

## Flea Market Donations

The Noe Valley Ministry's annual Flea Market and Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. "But since we are making the event bigger and better than ever," says organizer Carole Maerzke, "we're starting early to ask folks to set aside those special items for us, and to spread the word and ask their friends to contribute too."

The gourmet lunch available throughout the day, which is one of the flea market's most popular features, will be expanded this year, as will the bake sale. And several new sidelights are planned, such as a section for especially choice books, quick portraits by several young artists, and chair massage by professional Lisa Larges.

All flea market contributions will be collected on Friday, Oct. 7. For details or to arrange for a pickup, call the Noe Valley Ministry at 282-2317.

*This month's Short Takes were written by Jim Christie, Michele Lynn, and Jane Underwood.*

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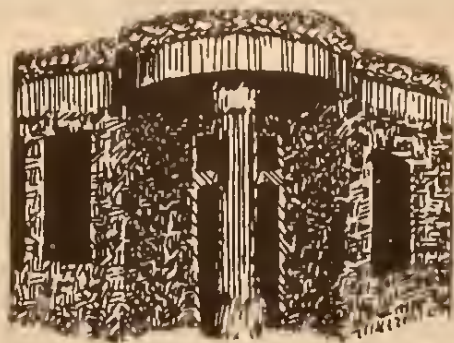
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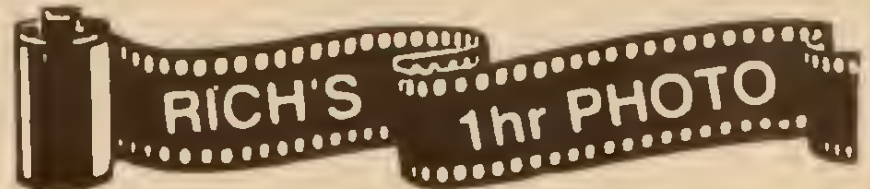
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# Church Shaken by Newspaper's Revelations About Priest

By Kathy Dalle-Molle

According to Pastor Mario Farana, St. Paul's Church is slowly picking up the pieces in the aftermath of a shocking investigative piece published in the *San Francisco Examiner* June 20-22. The story focused on the alleged financial and moral negligence of the Rev. Martin Greenlaw, who was pastor of St. Paul's from the summer of 1990 to the spring of 1993.

"People are sad about what has been reported in the *Examiner*," said Farana. "It was a downer for people. Trust is deeply disturbed, and because the story appeared during the summer and so many people have been away, we haven't had a chance to sit down and deal with this situation as a parish."

Farana said he had made a vague reference to the story in one of his "homilies," or sermons, at Catholic Mass. "I explained that we are all broken in some respect."

At the end of October, St. Paul's will hold a Parish Ministry Day for the church membership. Farana hopes the day "will have a healing aspect, along with a discussion of ministry and wounded healers."

The three-part series, written by several members of the *Examiner* staff with help from reporters at KGO-Radio, documented 10 years of unresolved financial complaints against Greenlaw.

It stated that St. Paul's books showed an 8,500 percent jump in an expense category called "parish charity" and a 313 percent increase in "rectory living expenses" within two years of Greenlaw's becoming pastor. During fiscal year 1991-92, St. Paul's actually lost money on its Friday night hingo games—the first time that had happened since 1951.

The story also declared that "Greenlaw had been living a life that seemed the antithesis of a devout and celibate Roman Catholic priest." It added that many of St. Paul's parishioners "had no idea that their pastor owned a house—bought for \$210,000 in 1985 and complete with a gazebo-style hot tub—or lived anywhere but in the recently redecorated priest's quarters in the rectory."

The series maintained that Greenlaw failed to respond to repeated requests for interviews regarding the allegations. Af-

ter *Examiner* reporters submitted written questions, however, Greenlaw wrote back, "I find your questions/allegations concerning my private life insulting and totalitarian in nature. Your questions are intrusive and represent an accumulation of rumors and innuendos. . . . I will not dignify your scandalous assertions with a response."

Greenlaw was relieved of his duties at St. Paul's in April of 1993, while recovering from an apparent mugging at his Sunset District home. (According to police interviewed for a story in the May 1993 *Voice*, Greenlaw was severely beaten by an unknown assailant, who may have entered his home through his garage.) Although the case remains open, no suspect has surfaced.

Ironically, the lead byline in the *Examiner* series belonged to a parishioner of St. Paul's, Stephanie Salter, a Noe Valley resident and an 18-year veteran of the *Examiner* staff.

Although Salter had been approached by various people within the St. Paul's community to investigate Greenlaw, she says she "turned away from the story for more than a year because of my involvement with St. Paul's. But I kept running into people who told me another incident about Martin. I was heartsick. This was a large group of people, a variety of different sources."

Finally, when the San Francisco Archdiocese announced that it would close several parishes by June 1994, Salter thought the time was right. Over lunches with KGO-Radio's Bernie Ward, also a Noe Valley resident, Salter decided to move ahead, teaming up with two *Examiner* reporters as well as KGO staff members.

"I see the story on Martin as a classic microcosm of what's wrong locally with the Catholic Church and what's wrong in Rome as well," says Salter.

The *Examiner* reported that at least 12 Catholics, including priests and nuns, went to the Archdiocese with their concerns about Greenlaw, but the Archdio-

cese continued to avoid the issues.

Salter and the other reporters spent four months investigating the story.

"It was very difficult to get information from the Diocese," she said. "It took two weeks just to find out where Martin went to college. At first, most of our sources were really scared to talk to us. But then there was a point where they figured they had nothing to lose. Most still only talked to us off the record, though."

Salter added that she had "never been involved in a project that was so meticulously corroborated. The information that made it into print was about as airtight as anyone could possibly get. We were held to an amazingly high standard by our editor."

Once the series appeared, Salter expected a backlash against her and the paper. But to her surprise, the articles were well received.

"When it comes to matters about the church and about religion, people's feelings run high," she said. "But the reaction we got was far from negative. I had very conservative lifelong Catholics thanking me and hugging me for my story and telling me it was about time. The reaction to the series made me feel re-energized about my profession. If you put accurate information out there, people are real smart."

"It showed me that as a journalist I still can do some good. If the stories caused people to stop, think, and look, that is all I can ask. The series shed truthful light on a situation that had been covered up for a long time."

When asked about Greenlaw, however, Salter turned somber.

"I pray for Martin every day," she said. "We had a good relationship when he was pastor at St. Paul's. I always admired his homilies. He said Mass beautifully and he has a wonderful mind. But, unfortunately, those things do not outweigh the damage he has done."

Salter says the *Examiner* plans a follow-up to the series. Among St. Paul's parishioners, there have been rumblings about requesting an audit of the parish

books. If funds are indeed missing from during the time Greenlaw was pastor, the parish could seek compensation from the Archdiocese.

Farana, however, wants to move on. "It's best that we just go forward," he said.

Since Farana took over in July of 1993, the parish has operated with financial "checks and balances," he said. The Parish Finance Committee regularly reviews the books and is given parish bank statements. Two teams of parishioners count bingo receipts, which are reported to the parish monthly.

Bingo is once again profitable. Although there were break-ins to the rectory during Greenlaw's time at the parish, Farana says the parish has not sustained any robberies in over a year.

The *Voice* attempted to contact Greenlaw via phone and letter for this article. He did not respond.

However, this reporter happened to see him on Aug. 14, conducting a 10 a.m. Mass at Mission Dolores Basilica, where he is now a priest in residence.

The only difference about Greenlaw compared to his days at St. Paul's (when I interviewed him regarding the church's participation in the movie *Sister Act*) was his physical appearance.

In his green and white priest's robe, he looked considerably thinner than before. If it wasn't for his pompadour hair and booming voice, in fact, I probably would not have recognized him.

In his homily, he spoke of "the self, a gift that keeps on giving." At the end of the service, he complimented the choir and gregariously shook hands and chatted with many in attendance. □



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## Seeks Money, Miracles

# St. Paul's Rises to the Occasion

By Kathy Dalle-Molle

To say Mario Farana's first year as pastor at St. Paul's Church has been hectic is a vast understatement.

Within four months of Farana's joining the parish in July of 1993, the San Francisco Archdiocese decided to close St. Paul's High School on 29th Street for good. It also determined that the unreinforced masonry buildings occupied by St. Paul's Elementary School would need major earthquake retrofitting, a project that could take up to two years. Meanwhile, the elementary students will have to be lodged in a school building in another parish.

In addition, St. Paul's cathedral, an 88-year-old landmark at Valley and Church streets, was targeted for large-scale seismic repairs.

To make matters worse, the Archdiocese has given the parish just three short years to raise the more than \$5 million needed to renovate the church and school buildings. If fundraising efforts fail, the entire parish could be faced with closure.

"We have a lot of hard work ahead of us," Farana said in an interview this summer. "It might take a miracle or two, but this parish has such a longstanding tradition of community that I feel confident we'll pull it off."

### Grammar School Kids Relocated

This is the first September in almost 80 years that no children will be seen laughing, playing, and learning inside St. Paul's three-building educational center, once the largest Catholic educational complex west of Chicago.

The Voice visited with St. Paul's Elementary School Principal Sister Ann Cronin in mid-August as she and other staff members were busily cleaning out desks and file cabinets and packing boxes for the move to the school's temporary location, in a building once used by St. James Boys High School at 23rd and Fair Oaks streets.

At the new site, parents and paid workers were painting rooms, constructing room dividers, repairing electrical problems, cleaning carpets, and generally overhauling the building, which St. Paul's took over from an adult education program on July 14.

"People have been working so hard, painting and scrubbing," says Cronin. "There is really a spirit of community at the new school. Parents have put up a St. Paul's sign over the old St. James sign. I've brought meals for the workers. Parents who did not know each other before are now working side by side."

According to Cronin, the Archdiocese



Mario Farana, current pastor of St. Paul's Church, must contemplate raising more than \$5 million to renovate his parish's cathedral and school buildings. PHOTO BY TOM WACHS

has pledged \$30,000 to spiff up the school's new quarters. However, Cronin anticipates the bill will exceed that amount.

When school opens Sept. 6, the new classrooms will house 265 students instead of last year's 474. With less space in the temporary facility, St. Paul's is offering only one class per grade instead of two sections of kindergarten through eighth grade as in previous years.

According to Cronin, "Some children who attended St. Paul's last year opted to go to a parish school that was closer to their homes. Others are enrolling in public schools."

The scaled-down program has nine teachers instead of last year's 18. Cronin reports that all except two of the laid-off faculty have found jobs. In addition, the school's music teacher will now work part-time instead of full-time, and there will be no librarian at the temporary facility.

"I think the kids will be okay with the changes," says Cronin. "Some have come to visit the new location already, and I heard them walking around, telling each other this is our new school."

Cronin hopes to be back in the school's original home in Noe Valley by 1996. Even then, though, the school will remain smaller. St. Paul's cannot afford to repair both the school building located at 1660 Church St. and the old St. Paul's Primary School building at 300 Valley St.

According to Cronin, the Valley Street building will be sold or leased. Until funds are raised for the repairs to begin, the Church Street building will be used only for Saturday religion classes and Friday and Sunday bingo games.

The Sunday afternoon bingo game, says Cronin, has been added to help raise funds for the school and to defray the \$6,000 a month rent bill St. Paul's is paying St. James' Parish to use the Fair

Oaks Street facility.

"We paid no rent at the old facilities," says Cronin, "so this is a major new cost for us. If all the student tuition comes in, we will just break even." According to Cronin, St. Paul's upped the elementary school tuition by \$120 from last year, to \$2,350. "We tried to raise the tuition as little as possible."

### High School Now Deserted

Around the corner from the elementary school, the Gothic building on 29th Street that was home to St. Paul's Girls High School for 70 years is deserted except for a harried secretary in blue jeans and a few nuns at work transferring students' records to their new schools.

The San Francisco Archdiocese permanently closed St. Paul's High School in June, because the school's building could no longer meet the strict earthquake safety standards now required by the city. St. Paul's plans to sell or lease the building.

"There are times when this is all so devastating to me," says Sister Maureen O'Brien, who was principal for 21 years. "When I go into a classroom and there's nothing in the room, no flag, no pencil sharpener, just the shades on the window, it is devastating. A lot of grieving goes on with moving out of this building."

O'Brien says almost 20 percent of the girls attending St. Paul's High School have now left the Catholic school system to attend public school, primarily because of financial concerns. Most of the remaining students will attend Immaculate Conception Academy, Mercy High School, or Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Only 9 of 18 St. Paul's teachers have found new jobs. O'Brien says a few have decided to leave the profession. St. Paul's former librarian, counselor, and staff secretary are still without jobs.

Most of the school's furniture and equip-

ment have been sold to other schools or given to charitable organizations, including a literacy project, a homeless shelter, and a school in the Philippines. Parishioners and high school alumni were invited to a sale on Aug. 13 in which wooden tables, teachers' desks, typewriters, and stoves from the school were sold.

O'Brien has plans to sell off the remaining items at a sale which will be open to the public and is tentatively scheduled for sometime later this month.

How the proceeds will be used is still up in the air, but it's likely the funds will go toward a teacher severance package or to set up a Catholic school scholarship for low-income girls, says O'Brien.

### Church Launches Fund Drive

According to Farana, during the next few months St. Paul's parish stewardship committee will determine fundraising goals and hire a professional consultant to implement a capital fund drive, to raise the \$5.7 million needed to retrofit the church and elementary school building.

In August, the parish received a draft report from H.J. Degenkolb Structural Engineers in which the firm estimated that retrofitting construction would cost \$4.4 million, and that another \$1.3 million would be needed for insurance, hazardous materials removal, and improvements to heating and electrical systems.

The church's engineering committee is now working with representatives from the Archdiocese along with a Degenkolb engineer to determine final design for the construction.

In an August letter to parishioners, engineering committee members wrote, "We are very pleased with the results of the study. While the buildings do require seismic strengthening, serious problems such as deterioration and poor construction

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# Institute Scraps Plans To Move into High School

By Jim Christie

Back in June, the California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS)—an independent graduate school offering courses in East-West philosophy and psychology—had hoped to make Noe Valley its new home.

But the school has now dropped plans to relocate its main campus from the Haight-Ashbury to Upper Noe Valley, specifically to the 29th Street building vacated this spring by St. Paul's High School.

In August, CIIS ended its lease negotiations with St. Paul's Parish and the Catholic Archdiocese, and withdrew its application from City Planning. The institute had sought a conditional use permit to occupy the three-story building at 317 29th St., and to change its zoning from that of a high school to a post-secondary educational facility.

CIIS, which currently serves about 1,000 students, had planned to rent 10 classrooms at St. Paul's this fall, enough to accommodate daily attendance by 150 students and faculty. It then intended to move its entire campus to the high school by the start of the 1995-96 school year, creating an influx of 200 to 300 people a day, according to Henry Martinez, the institute's director of operations.

"We are outgrowing our space on Ashbury Street," Martinez explained, referring to St. Agnes Parish's elementary school, which CIIS has occupied for nine years. "And it would be nice to be closer to our counseling center on Church Street." (The institute operates the Integral Counseling Center at 1782 Church St.)

As reported in the June 1994 *Voice*, St. Paul's High School graduated its last class of girls on June 4. The San Francisco Archdiocese had decided to close the school because the building no longer met the city's earthquake safety code and the church could not afford an estimated \$2.6 million in repair costs. In their bid to move in, CIIS officials were hoping that the city would relax its seismic standards, because the school would be used by adults rather than teenagers.

Martinez said the institute's decision to withdraw its application came when CIIS officials learned that the City Planning Department would require an environmental impact report. "We needed to start occupying the building this fall, but because the city's environmental evaluation would have taken months, we would not have been able to move in until a year from now."

The institute also would have had to address Upper Noe Valley residents' concerns—not the least of which was parking.



Preschool Director Peg Lazzarini-Kayser was busy putting the finishing touches on the Littlest Angel classrooms in St. Paul's rectory last month. PHOTO BY TOM WACHS

CIIS wanted its students and staff to have access to the 82 spaces in St. Paul's church and school parking lots. It also estimated that it would need an additional 100 parking spots on weekdays in the surrounding neighborhood (and about 50 on evenings and weekends).

When the institute unveiled its plans at a public meeting July 14 at St. Paul's Elementary School, the response from the 50 or so people who attended was largely negative. Parishioners complained that church parking, usually reserved for weekend masses and church-sponsored activities like bingo, would be forfeited to the CIIS students. Residents expressed worries that an already tight parking situation in the Church and 30th Street area would become unbearable.

Upper Noe resident Tad Sekino, who spoke against the proposal at the meeting, said later that he was glad to hear about the institute's change of heart. "It really would not have been appropriate [for CIIS to move into the high school]. Something would have been needed to buffer residents from such commercial use."

St. Paul's Pastor Mario Farana, on the other hand, was disappointed. The church had planned to use the income from CIIS to help defray the cost of renting space in St. James Parish for its elementary

students, he said. (St. Paul's Elementary School, at 1660 Church St., also requires a seismic upgrade; see story, page 20.) The newcomers to the neighborhood also would have provided a shot in the arm for Upper Noe Valley merchants, Farana maintained.

He said the church would still consider leasing the high school, but that the same hurdles existed for other potential tenants: completing an environmental impact report; adopting a "master plan" with projections for future growth; and, possibly, seismic retrofitting.

Obviously, life would have been easier for the church if the CIIS deal had gone through. "They have a need for a place, and we have a need for some income. I'm [also] very positive about the programs they teach as a way of understanding our own human nature, the world, and one another," Farana said in July.

"But that's water under the bridge," he shrugged. "And now we have to look for other ways to raise money."

What might those be? "We will have to consider selling church assets—land or buildings."

Meanwhile, the California Institute of Integral Studies is scouting new locations. "We will be looking at other properties around the city," Martinez said. □

# Parish Pulls Together In Face of Financial Woes

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materials have not been found. The buildings were originally well constructed."

Adds Farana, "The Diocese feels it's doable to raise the funds, and so do I. We feel there is hope. The situation is not as grim as it could have been."

## Littlest Angel Preschool Opens

Although St. Paul's will be missing its high school and elementary school students this year, there will be some small tots floating around the parish premises.

On Sept. 9, the first session of St. Paul's new preschool, the Littlest Angel Preparatory Preschool, will be held in a brand-new facility in the rectory basement, located at 221 Valley St.

The preschool will be open year-round weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and is accepting up to 30 children, age 2 years, 9 months, to 6 years. Children are placed on a first-come, first-served basis. Monthly fees will vary according to the number of days and hours a child attends.

Preschool Director Peg Lazzarini-Kayser, a lifelong Noe Valley resident and St. Paul's parishioner, had previously run the Littlest Angel preschool through St. Michael's Church at 32 Broad St., until the Archdiocese closed St. Michael's Parish in June.

"Father Mario said he'd like to have a preschool at St. Paul's," says Lazzarini-Kayser. "I think there's a real need for a preschool in the Noe Valley community. With the closure of the schools here, we'll have life at the parish, and we can attract and continue to work with young families and children. This is an excellent service to the community."

The spacious rooms in the rectory basement once used only for storage have now been painted white with bright pink, yellow, purple, and blue trim. There is a science center, a music area, and a computer room with IBM and Apple computers for the kids to learn their alphabet and numbers on.

Although unpacking was still under way when the *Voice* dropped in, a bunch of board games, Lego blocks, and puzzles lined the preschool's shelves. Lazzarini-Kayser proudly showed the yard, which will include a playhouse, climbing structure, mock spaceship, and plenty of room for tricycle riding.

"The kids are gonna love this place," she said.

Lazzarini-Kayser is currently looking for an additional teacher, teacher's aide, and assistant teacher, and "would love to employ people from the Noe Valley community."

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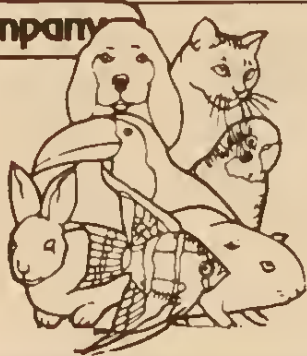
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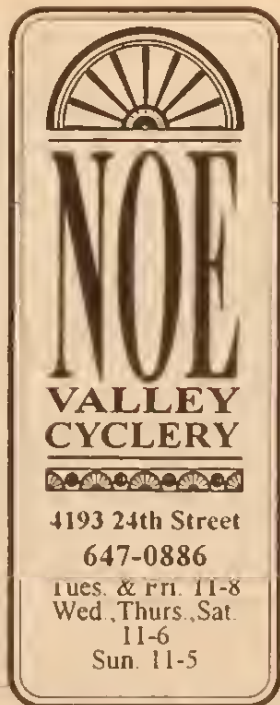
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# Let BYLINES be BYLINES

By Phoebe McAfee

Have you ever been inside the church building at 1021 Sanchez St.? Do you vote there? Do you come for Jazzercise or yoga, or Scottish country dancing?

Have you ever attended a Saturday night concert, or chamber music on Sunday afternoons, or Noe Valley Movies? Have you ever performed in the Noe Valley Music Series?

Are you part of a 12-step program that meets there? Ever had kids in the Noe Valley Nursery School? Ever been a kid in the nursery school?

Are you or your parents in the senior lunch program? Have you worshipped in the sanctuary on Sunday? Do your children attend Or Shalom Hebrew School?

Have you practiced t'ai chi there? Have you been to a Saturday psychic fair? Have you ever read the *Noe Valley Voice*? (Aha! There's one.)

All these things, and many more, take place (or share space) in the church at 1021 Sanchez. But what we know as the Noe Valley Ministry is in grave danger of becoming a vacant lot in our neighborhood.

Have you noticed pieces of shingles floating down toward Church Street on a windy afternoon? That is our roof. If we don't replace our roof soon, we will lose the building. One more rainy season could do us in.

If you have been around the neighborhood and read the *Voice* over the past few years, you know that back in 1987, 1988, and 1989, we had a fundraising campaign called the Centennial Revitalization Fund, to coincide with the



## Don't Take the Ministry for Granted

building's 100th birthday. During that time, we raised over \$50,000, almost all from Noe Valley residents and Ministry congregation members. Thank you all.

We really wanted to fix the roof then, but it would have cost nearly \$100,000, and we had even more pressing needs. So we got new bathrooms (essential), fixed all the flat roofs, upgraded the lighting system, repaired floors and carpets, did interior painting, and remodeled several offices.

Last year we realized we had to get real serious about the roof. Next time you are out on 24th Street, look up Sanchez Street and notice what a sorry state our poor roof is in. We hired a consultant and a fundraising campaign coordinator, and started the Noe Valley Ministry Community Building Fund.

After a year of work targeting foundations, talking with the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., and making many grant proposals, we found that (a) very few foundations would give grants to church buildings or to capital improvements, and (b) the Noe Valley neighborhood was too "advantaged" to qualify for many grants.

But the work did pay off. Columbia

Foundation has agreed to give us \$25,000, with one stipulation—that we match it with \$75,000. We have set a goal of one year to raise the \$75,000.

So, what do you say, Noe Valley? Can we raise this money to save a building that means so much to so many people? Without this building, where would the nursery school or music series go? Many of the things that happen here might relocate outside the neighborhood. Some would simply die. If you value this place, please do your part to help us.

In the coming months, you will be asked to participate in various fund-raisers. Join us if you can. But I have a simple solution for all of you out there who would like to see this place survive:

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Or, if you feel so moved, be our guardian angel and:

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Two people already have. If only 73 more of you did such a great deed, we would be humbly grateful, as well as snug and dry.

Every contribution is tax deductible, every amount is gratefully accepted. Our Sunday School children have a project to recycle cans, and their pennies are much appreciated. (Make checks payable to the NVM Community Building Fund and mail to Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St., San Francisco, CA 94114.)

We need all of you, everyone who reads the *Voice*, everyone who is touched by this place in some way. Please help us now.

You can look up at the new roof in years to come and say, "I helped." Or you can look at a vacant lot. Which would you prefer? ☐

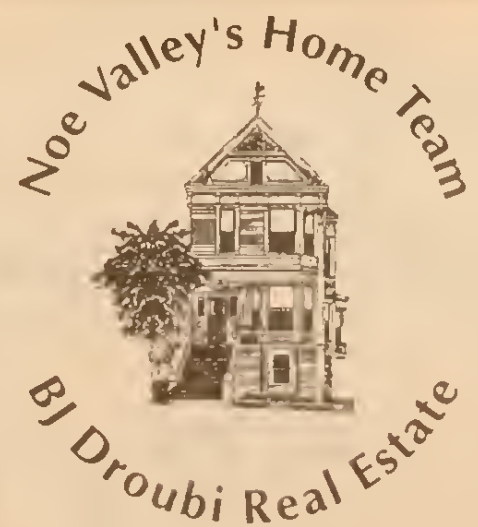
*Phoebe McAfee is treasurer of the Noe Valley Ministry and has been a member of the congregation for 10 years.*

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# Ten Ways to Leave Your Heart in San Francisco

By Kathleen Madden-Yee

Ah, San Francisco, our lovely city! Each day offers a different beauty to enjoy: cool breezes with sun glinting off the Bay, beautiful Victorians that set you drooling, fog streaming over the Golden Gate with the horns blowing in the background, grassy parks with views that take your breath away . . . and, of course, our own comfy, yet majestic Noe Valley.

For my husband and me, there's no better way to spend an afternoon or weekend than to explore our beloved City by the Bay. Now that we are moving to Pennsylvania this fall (only temporarily—we're coming back!), we wanted to pass along some of the fun things we've discovered during our two years as residents of San Francisco (on

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26th Street, to be exact).

My husband and I brainstormed about our adventures while fueling up at one of the many superb coffee joints on 24th Street. Over a cup of brew, we dared each other to come up with interesting, new, inexpensive, and easy-to-get-to activities in the city. Since we don't own a car, we used creativity (and various modes of public transport) to maximize our play time.

Here are 10 of our favorite excursions to add to the list we *know* you've already got going on your refrigerator.

1. Try a free walking tour through **City Guides**, sponsored by the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library. City Guides offers tours all over the city, and tour leaders cheerfully pass along their wealth of San Franciscana. (Call 557-4266 for information.)

2. Hop on BART and take a cable car at Powell and Market down to **Ghirardelli Square** (spectacular Ghirardelli Chocolate Co. ice cream sundae optional!).

3. Fly a kite on the **Marina Green**. Or just watch someone else flying

theirs. While you're basking in the sun along the water, watch the boats go by and ponder your escape to Alcatraz or Angel Island.

4. Do some window shopping on **Grant Avenue**. Make sure to check out Quantity Postcards on Grant between Green and Union. They've got over 20,000 postcards, both old and new. And the store itself is an experience.

5. Explore **Strybing Arboretum** in Golden Gate Park. The Arboretum has over 6,000 plants from around the world, but we're particularly partial to the California wildflowers. Check the "Garden Highlights" board at the entrance gift shop.

6. Ride the J-Church from 24th Street to downtown—or vice versa—and keep your eyes peeled for the amazing panorama at **Mission Dolores Park**. Or have a picnic in the park and bring the dog—and a ball, of course.

7. Enjoy a 25-cent cupajoe (with free, unlimited refills) and a full view of Powell Street at Nordstrom's fourth-floor cafe, **City Express**, in the San Francisco Center on Market Street.

8. Stroll down the Embarcadero, south from the Ferry Building, and stop for afternoon tea at the restaurant run by the **Delancey Street Foundation**. Located in the 600 block of Embarcadero near Brannan Street, the **Delancey Street Restaurant** is open Tuesday through Sunday, and in addition to lunch and dinner, serves tea from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

9. Take the elevator to the top of the **Transamerica Pyramid**. Be sure to look over the mini art exhibits in the Pyramid lobby.

10. Last, but certainly not least, enjoy a leisurely stroll along **24th Street**. We love to peruse Streetlight Records' bargain CD stock, warm a sidewalk bench or two (and have another cup of that tantalizing brown beverage), and then stroll up to Noe Courts to relax on the grass.

Yes, we're definitely coming back! □

*Kathleen Madden-Yee and husband Randy Yee were packing to leave for Pennsylvania State University in mid-August. The Voice invites readers to send in their own Top 10 List of Things to Do in San Francisco, to entice Kathleen and Randy and other expatriates to come home soon.*



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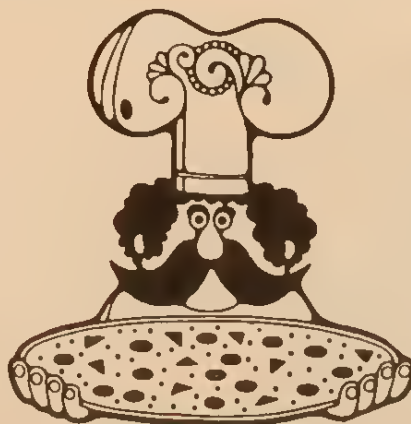
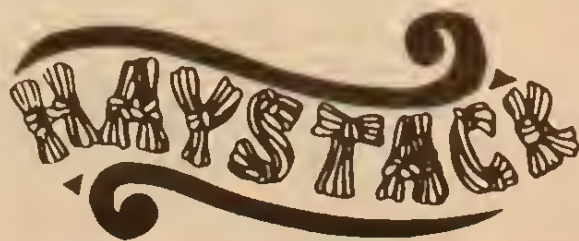


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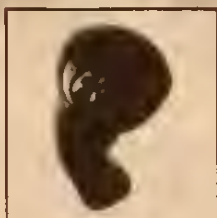
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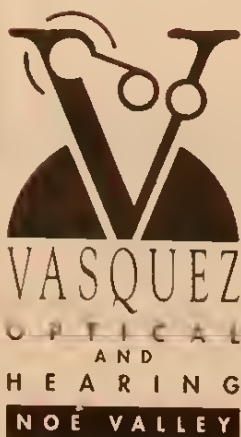
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# Cellist Opens '94 Classical Music Series

By Jeff Kaliss

Chamber music is one of the most intimate forms of the performing arts. And for Emil Miland, a man who spends hours of every day with his cello, it is the source of both his joy and his inspiration.

"Wheew," sighs Miland after drawing his bow across the strings of his century-old instrument, made in Paris by Nestor Audinot. "It's got a nice big juicy sound, which is great for a nice big juicy guy like me."

The cello's mellow vibrato resonates wonderfully in the dining room of Miland's flat on Fair Oaks Street (which he and partner Fred Sonenberg jokingly place in "Baja Noe Valley").

But the darkly handsome cellist promises that the sound will be even more impressive on Sept. 11, when he and Robin Sutherland, principal pianist with the San Francisco Symphony, open the third season of the Noe Valley Chamber Music Series with a benefit concert in the sanctuary of the Noe Valley Ministry.

"What I hear there is a warm, golden sound," says Miland, who also performed during last year's season.

"Modern concert halls are built with a lot of cement, but the wood at the Ministry is more music-friendly. It's got great acoustics, and it's an intimate atmosphere. The people who listen have a chance to get inside the sonic experience because they're surrounded by the music."

The concert program, which starts at 7 p.m. Sunday evening (instead of the usual 2 p.m.), will begin with Beethoven's A-Major Sonata, Opus 69, which Miland describes as a "master work right in the middle of the composer's creative life. It's melodically beautiful, the writ-



Cellist Emil Miland (right) will share the stage with pianist Robin Sutherland in a special evening concert launching the third season of the Noe Valley Chamber Music Series.

ing is incredibly crafted between the two instruments, cello and piano, and we can really converse back and forth."

Following the Beethoven will be a sonata by young American composer David Carlson, created for Miland and Sutherland with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts.

After intermission the duo will present Rachmaninoff's Sonata in G Minor, Opus 19. "It's lush," says Miland, "and the writing for piano is incredible. And what Rachmaninoff lets me do is sing from the heart, which is what I like to do the best."

Miland, who turns "a fresh 35" the day before the concert, began studying cello 22 years ago while a junior high student in Alameda, Calif. His father, a music educator in that community's public school system, had started his son on clarinet, but "thank God, at the time I had terrible orthodontics going on, and it wasn't a

good match."

By age 16, Miland the cellist was debuting with the San Francisco Symphony as the 1975 winner of Pepsi's Young Musician Award.

Looking back, Miland now appreciates his early exposure to classical music, and wishes today's youngsters had the same opportunity. Before Proposition 13 came along, forcing many schools to scuttle their music programs, he says, "Young people used to hear symphonies, it was part of their education..."

"Not only are we losing our listening public, because classical music takes a bit of training as a listener too, but we're also losing a generation of artists. We don't give our kids that option anymore."

These days, Miland keeps his own options open by performing duos with both Sutherland and violinist Marty Simmons. He and Simmons also play with the San

Francisco Opera Orchestra, which began rehearsals for the 1994 season on Aug. 18. Miland also appears with the conductorless New Century Chamber Orchestra, a group co-founded by vocalist Bobby McFerrin.

His Noe Valley concert, though, will be a special date on Miland's musical calendar.

"It's a chance to play for the community I live in," he points out. "Once I took my cello out and played for Barbara, the flower lady on 24th Street, right at her stall, so I think she might come and put flowers on the stage at the Ministry."

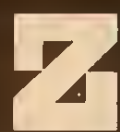
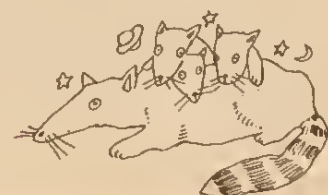
Miland credits series coordinator Karen Heather of the Noe Valley Ministry "for a fantastic job of getting the chamber music series going and keeping it going."

After Miland and Sutherland's evening concert in September, the third season of the Noe Valley Chamber Music Series will continue with one Sunday afternoon concert a month, all starting at 2 p.m.

Heather says the Arlekin String Quartet will perform on Oct. 9, followed by Montage on Nov. 20 ("Montage is a group of four women—piano, clarinet, violin, and soprano—playing contemporary but very accessible chamber music," she notes). Next in the lineup will be the Voci Women's Chamber Choir on Dec. 11, and four-hand piano by Jonathan Bley and Arkadi Serper on Jan. 8, 1995.

"We're starting to be part of the music community," says Heather, "but our challenge now is to really connect with chamber music lovers and let them know that we're here."

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## The Alley Cats

The year was 1948, 46 years ago when we began living on a short, narrow street named Kingston Avenue, located just a few doors from 30th Street between Mission and San Jose Avenue.

As soon as we got settled, our two young sons, Michael, 6, and Jan, 4, began to make friends with the other children on the block. The first was Frankie, who was hard to ignore because he raced up and down the middle of the alley on his little chrome-covered bike, making rasping motor sounds and screeching at the top of his lungs.

Frankie, who was a little older, 8 or 9 perhaps, proved to be a good-natured, extremely bright child, blessed with overindulgent parents who denied him nothing. He possessed every imaginable toy, owned and operated a ham radio set, and played a shiny brass trumpet that he sometimes awakened us with early in the morning, playing reveille. This usually happened on a Sunday, so we would just grin at the din and roll over.

In time we met Frankie's father, Frank Jewell, who owned a watch repair shop at the other end of Kingston on the corner of San Jose Avenue. Frank looked like a typical businessman in his suit and tie, but he actually had led quite a colorful life.

He had been born in the Southeast, an orphan of Native American ancestry, and joined the circus as a teenager, traveling from town to town as a tight-rope walker on the high wire. That exciting career ended when World War II erupted, and he joined the Army and sailed for Europe. Before the war was won, however, Frank was injured when an Army caisson (an ammunition wagon) rolled over his legs, and he was sent back home.

With his damaged feet, Frank couldn't return to the high wire, so he looked for a trade that didn't require much footwork. He found it in watch-making and, after completing his training, opened the shop on San Jose. He married his wife, Mary, and they had one son, Frankie, who provided much joy (and clamor) in their lives.

After linking up with Frankie, our boys met affable young Ray Torres, nicknamed "Doc," who lived just across the street. The boys became inseparable. And because Doc was an energetic organizer, he provided the stimulus for a lot of action.

First they formed a club, naming it coolly the Alley Cats, and then Michael printed "business cards" on my man Leo's manual printing press in the basement.

Next they set out to find a purpose for their organization, and decided that raising candy money seemed like a good idea. But how to do it?

Since it was common knowledge that our paint store paid 2 cents apiece for gallon bottles to hold paint thinner, I was not surprised when the boys came in one day with a bottle in hand. I paid them and absentmindedly placed the bottle on the landing just outside the back door, because I was focused on the monthly store bookkeeping.

In no time my train of thought was interrupted again by the three boys, who had returned with another bottle. I paid them again, put the bottle out back as before, and returned to the ledgers.

Soon they were back with yet another bottle, but before I could complete the

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Illustrated Reminiscences by Florence Holub

third transaction, one of them asked almost pleadingly, "Aren't you ever going to catch on?" Only then did it dawn on me that those rascals had been bringing in the same bottle each time!

We all had a good laugh, but the boys did not feel completely comfortable with that kind of shady operation. Thereafter they went legitimate and avoided such scams.

Their next undertaking was a theatrical production to be held in Doc's basement. They wrote a script, came up with costumes and a stage setting, and even allowed a girl to participate (horrors). After a number of rehearsals they were ready to perform.

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Flyers advertising the production were distributed, and the response, although mainly from neighbors and relatives, was impressive. The boys dispensed tickets at the door for a quarter, and when all of the folding chairs in Doc's garage were occupied, the play commenced. The boys presented an original and "very scary" Halloween mystery, with a cast of ghosts and goblins and at least one witch (the girl). I can't remember the details, but I do recall the performance was a huge success.

After the show, Leo and I, along with another mother, Marge Jansson, stayed on to help clear the chairs and free the Torres' parking space. Doc's father (also named Ray Torres) put a Latin music record on the phonograph. Before long, with Ray's expert instruction, we were all doing the mambo and the samba with gusto! This kept up until midnight, when weariness finally sent us home to bed.

In the morning Leo and I, awakened by Frankie's bugle call, arose and returned to finish the job we had deferred the night before. But we shirked our duty again, because Ray put on some more salsa music, and we couldn't resist having a few more dances.

We parents were having so much fun together that our neglected sons were a little bit annoyed with us. After all, we weren't acting like their usual parents—we were acting like teenagers!

They aired this grievance by picketing out on the sidewalk, carrying signs that said "We Protest!" and "We Want to Go to the Show!" We met their demand immediately, and they rushed off to the matinee at the Lyceum Theater, which was then located where Safeway now stands on Mission near 29th Street.

With all this dancing and conversation, the adults were beginning to form warm and enduring relationships. That day we learned that each of us had a chicken in the refrigerator for Sunday dinner, so Mrs. Torres, whom we all called Sis, suggested that we pool our fowls and have dinner together at their house.

Marge ran home to fetch her chicken,

as did I. So when the boys came home from the show, we all sat down to a banquet on a long table in Sis' basement.

The Torres had worked long hours for many years at their coffee shop, but since they had just sold it, they were eagerly embarking upon a new, more zestful social era. Sis and I became the best of friends and had much in common besides our children.

She taught me to cook spicy Mexican food like tacos, which were almost unknown here at the time. And I tried to introduce her to a Scandinavian treat, pickled herring. The first time she tasted it, she savored it thoughtfully and ventured, "It tastes like raw fish to me." Which it was. (My man Leo has never been able to develop a taste for it either.)

Our friendship with the Torres family was a reciprocal one: whenever Doc's parents went out for the evening, he spent the night with us, and whenever we had an engagement, our boys were welcome to stay with them.

The years went by in this fashion until my father decided to close the paint store due to an impending birth in the family. Since I was busy shopping with Sis for baby clothes and otherwise preparing myself for motherhood, and since he was busy with his contracting business, neither of us had the energy to man the store.

The nine months passed easily until the afternoon I went into labor. I called Sis, but when Doc answered the phone and said his mother was not at home, I blurted out in haste, "My water broke!" This young man was completely unaware of the nature of my emergency, so he innocently said, "Don't you think you should call a plumber?"

Fortunately at that moment Frank



Eric Holub, born Aug. 8, 1955, had to learn how to smile before he could be initiated into the Alley Cats Club.

Jewell was passing by our house, and he kindly drove me to Mary's Help Hospital, then located on Guerrero Street not far from Market. Three hours later, just before the dinner hour on Aug. 8, 1955, Eric Richard Holub came into the world.

He was perfect in every way except for one thing: whenever he was brought to his mother, he scrunched up his face in a most disagreeable manner. He also did this to the nurses whenever they disturbed his sleep, and to the photographer, who apologized profusely to me for the outcome of my baby's picture.

By the time we returned home, however, Eric had learned to make a happy, bemused expression, which made him the center of attention on Kingston Avenue.

Eric became such a part of the Kingston scene that he was given an honorary membership in the exclusive club, the Alley Cats. By the time he was 2, however, our rambunctious brood was bulging at the seams in that little house. So we migrated to a bigger house in Noe Valley, and have lived happily ever since. □

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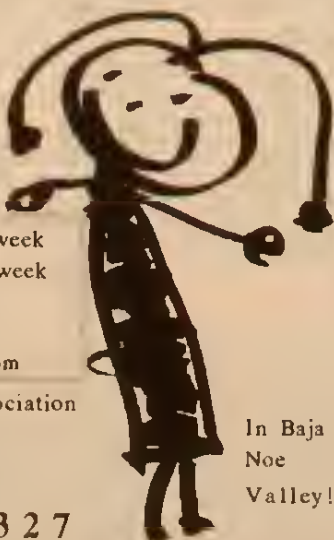
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By Jim Christie

## Julianna Elizabeth Barrett

In the fall of 1992, after trying for several years to have a child, Anne Windsor and Peter Barrett decided to consider an alternative. A close friend of theirs from Philadelphia who is a teen guidance counselor told them about a young woman who had decided to give up her baby for adoption.

Shortly thereafter, Peter and Anne went east and met Mandy Reilly, 16 years old at the time and six months pregnant. The three agreed to proceed with the adoption.

Julianna Elizabeth Barrett was born at Bridgeton Hospital in Bridgeton, N.J., on March 2, 1993, at 8:30 a.m., weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces. Her adoptive parents were there to welcome her.

"It was wonderful," recalls Anne. "We took care of Julianna for the three days she was in the hospital before bringing her home."

"Jules," as Peter and Anne call her, is of Irish descent and has fair skin, blue eyes, and big cheeks. "She loves to climb up on things, and she's a good dancer," Anne says. "She's also shown a bit of a temper, but she really has a very sweet disposition."

Peter and Anne believe that an "open" adoption, in which the child knows of and can stay in touch with the birth parents, is usually the best for all concerned.

Mandy Reilly, who recently visited San Francisco and saw Julianna for the first time since the birth, wholeheartedly

agrees. "I think I've given her the best life I possibly could," she said.

The adoption has been quite an experience for Anne and Peter, but especially so for Peter, who is a child welfare supervisor with the city of San Francisco.

"Now I've seen it from both sides," he says. "In my job I supervise employees who place children with good families, and suddenly I was the one being assessed."

Anne, 45, a personal fitness trainer, met Peter, 42, through a mutual friend in 1985. The couple celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary last month.

Because she trains clients in her home, Anne gets to spend a lot of time with

Jules, who often hangs out in her swing while Mom works, or busies herself in the garden (where she has acquired a taste for mud and sand).

Peter has his share of fun with his daughter, too. "The thing I enjoy most," he says, "is reliving my own childhood through her, playing rhyming games like 'This Little Piggy,' and singing."

He adds that they have been playing music for Jules since she was 4 days old, and she's become a fan of Pearl Jam and Nirvana. She also adores the Beatles.

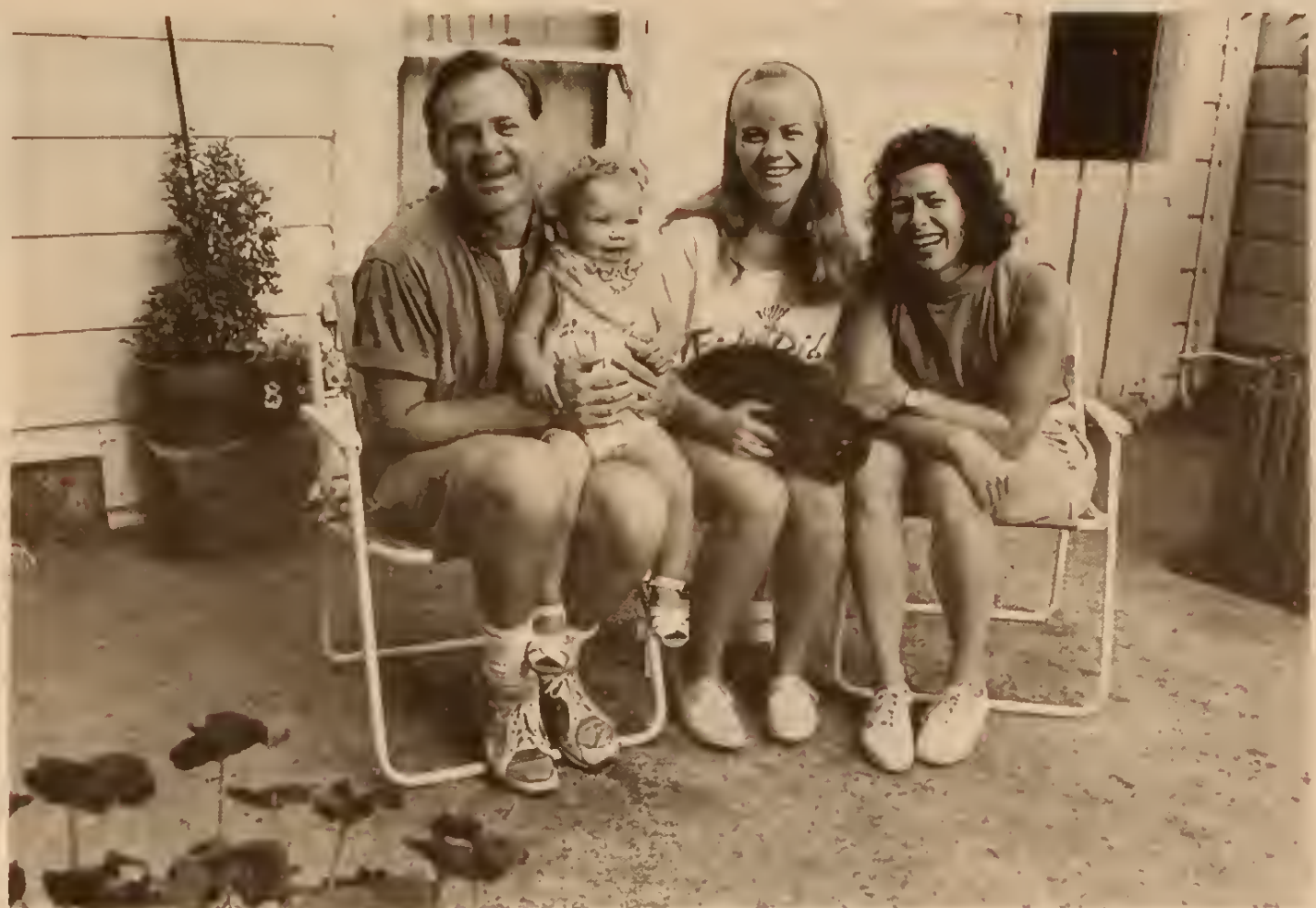
"There's an Andy Warhol poster of the Beatles over her changing table," says Dad. "She loves to sing. 'Yeah, yeah,

yeah!'" Bob Dylan, however, makes her cry.

Jules also likes playing with push toys, riding in grocery carts, and attending With Care day care on Fair Oaks Street.

Since Jules joined the family, Peter and Anne are making a few lifestyle changes. Although they have lived in Noe Valley for a long time—Anne for 16 years and Peter for more than 10—they recently began house-hunting in Sonoma County.

"It will really be tough to leave," says Peter, "but we would prefer to raise Jules outside the city." Wherever the family settles, the Beatles' "She Loves You" should be playing for a long time to come. □



Peter Barrett and Anne Windsor adopted baby Julianna, now 1½, from birth mother Mandy Reilly (center). PHOTO BY TOM WACHS

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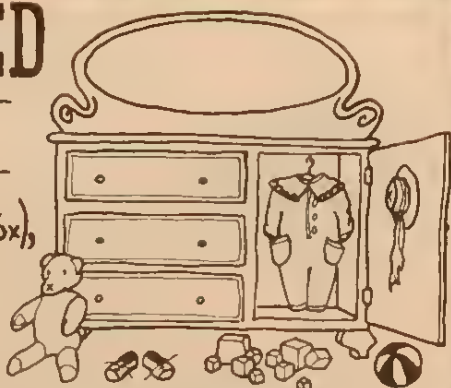
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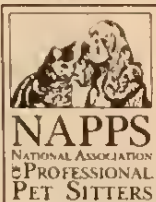
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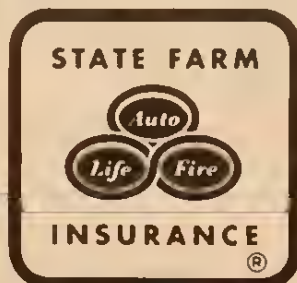
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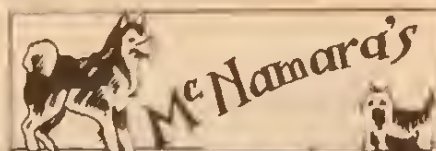
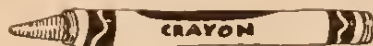
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## Aaron and Hannah Hill

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This is the current state of affairs for proud parents Susan Sheldon and Charles Hill, although their need for more space has been remedied—they recently bought a large house near 26th and Douglass streets.

Aaron and Hannah Hill were born on April 7, 1992, at California Pacific Medical Center. Aaron was born first, at 8:30 p.m. Five minutes later Hannah tipped the scales at 5 pounds, 10 ounces.

Both children have blue eyes and blond hair, although Hannah's locks are quite curly, whereas Aaron's are wavy.

"Both of them are smart and bright," says Charles. "Hannah is very assertive, while Aaron is more introspective and less demanding. He likes to think about things." Susan sees Aaron coming into his own, however: "Lately he's begun to stand up for himself when Hannah gets too aggressive," she says in amusement.

Susan and Charles met at a dental convention they were attending at Moscone Center. She was a dental student at the time, and he was working his way through law school as a manufacturer's representative. Charles offered her some free samples and a ride home, and the rest is history.

They've been married for six years.



Two-year-old twins Aaron and Hannah Hill share their Noe Valley house with mom Susan Sheldon (seated, left), dad Charles Hill, and nanny Bonnie Perez. PHOTO BY TOM WACHS

and today Susan, 37, is an endodontist with a practice in South San Francisco. (When asked what she did for a living, she exclaimed enthusiastically, "Root canals!") Charles, 36, now has his own law practice.

When the couple began discussing the possibility of children, Susan remembers saying, "Charlie, maybe I'll have one." She got twice what she bargained for, but both she and Charlie are having a ball. They take the kids on lots of outings, ranging from noodle-eating excursions in Chinatown to family camping adventures. They also enjoy making the cafe scene on 24th Street, especially for breakfast at the Diamond Cafe or ice cream at Double Rainbow.

Aaron and Hannah are a talented pair. Both love musical instruments, an interest encouraged by a mom who plays banjo, tenor sax, and flute. They particularly enjoy harmonicas and tin whistles. They also speak Spanish, courtesy of the family's nanny, Bonnie Perez.

"Sometimes Hannah will be talking and I'll realize I haven't understood a word she's said," Susan laughs. "She's even learned to roll her Rs!"

With the dynamic duo, a new house, and demanding careers to tend to (not to mention the intriguing pet menagerie), don't Charles and Susan ever pine for the slower, quieter days?

"Even though we have very little free time and the house is a lot messier," replies Susan, "we are having the most fun of our lives just being with Aaron and Hannah." □

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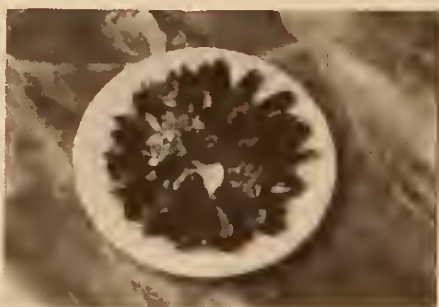
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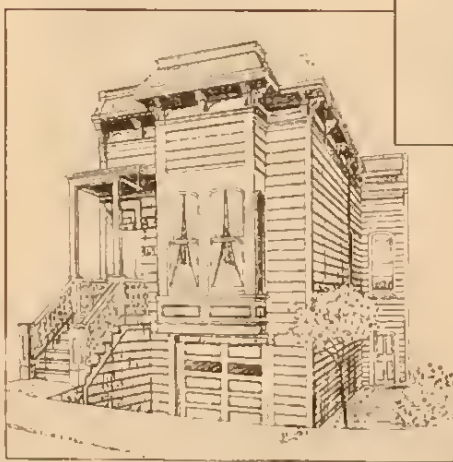
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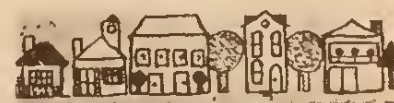
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# The Rumors Behind the Rumors

**24TH STREET BEAT:** The fattest rumor circulating in Downtown Noe Valley this summer was that the folks at the Second Spanish Church (2da. Iglesia Bautista) had sold their prime piece of real estate next-door to Bell Market to—hold your hat—Blockbuster Video.

And the rumor got even fatter after the *Voice* received an unsolicited press packet from the chain's parent company headquartered in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The press release announced that Blockbuster Entertainment would open 100 new Blockbuster *Music* stores around the country this fall. (In addition to its video stores, the corporate giant boasted that it now owns 529 retail music stores and 20 "megastores" in the U.S., Europe, and Australia.)

The rumor thinned out a bit, however, when neither Blockbuster nor Zephyr Realty, the listing agent for the property, would confirm the sale. Also, when I called him to check it out, the church's pastor, Henry Partida, expressed surprise at the Blockbuster brouhaha.

But Partida admitted the church had accepted an offer from a prospective buyer, whom he refused to identify. "We even have a backup offer," he said.

Partida pointed out, though, that the buy-sell was subject to a number of contingencies, which could delay any closing of the deal for several months.

As you *Voice* Rumors-mongers know, the church's asking price was \$1.8 million. Nobody will confirm the offer, but the rumor mill says it was somewhere between \$1.1 and \$1.6 mil.

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**RUMORS OF A DOG BAN** at Noe Courts this past month have motivated a group of pet owners and friends to band together to ban the proposed ban.

According to co-founder Sean Drake, the Noe Valley Responsible Dog Owners Association (and Friends) was formed after parents of a few neighborhood kids complained that dog owners were allowing their best friends to romp in the sandbox and leave various pooppouri in the park located at 24th and Douglass.

The police were even called upon to issue leash law violations, which at \$75 a pop can make any dog owner sit up and take notice.

The new group, which already has a mailing list of 80 people, is anxious to heed the neighbors' wishes, says Sean. It has developed a six-point list of good-dog-owner rules, and plans to conduct monthly poop patrols as well as install a cleanup bag dispenser at Noe Courts.

The association has also placed a petition (asking Rec & Park to please continue to allow dogs in the park) and a sign-up sheet for new members at the Animal Company, V.I.P. Grooming, and the Wine Seller, among other Top of 24th Street locations.

The organization is all-inclusive, says Sean. "It consists of both parent and non-parent dog owners, as well as several parent non-dog owners who have made friends with the dogs of non-parents."

Sean is a non-parent dog owner, whose Australian shepherd Happy has several toddler friends. He says Happy howls when he hears the word "banned." If you'd like to yelp, call Sean at 285-6840.

## and now **RUMORS** behind the news for the **BY MAZOOK**

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**IN OTHER DOWNTOWN N.V. NEWS,** Hopwell's restaurant is for sale. But Fred Kawa, who has run the place for the past 18 years, is apparently not too anxious to sell—he's asking a cool \$200,000.

You oldtimers are probably shaking your heads and saying, "But what ever happened to former Hopwell's owners Bob and Wayne?" They sold the place to Fred in 1976. The reason this is slightly confusing is because Fred is the brother of Sam Kawa, who has operated another 24th Street institution, Herb's Fine Foods, since he bought it from Herb himself in 1973.

The restaurant owners say there is no truth to the rumor that Herb's is for sale. And dogs of either non-parent or parent eaters must still remain outside both establishments.

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**SHEARLY DEPARTED** from Downtown Noe Valley is Shear Delight, a salon that first opened in 1979. The shop stopped trimming locks at 4155 24th St. in May of this year, but has reappeared at 3414 22nd St. (near Dolores), with the same personable personnel, Craig Morton and Jim Hutchison.

"It was time for a change," says Craig.

Speaking of change, the old 23rd and Sanchez Market, which closed over a year ago, has been transformed into an antique and used furniture store called M & M. The M's are the first initials of the owners, Martin and Marianne Spicknell, who moved to Noe Valley six months ago.

Martin, a former auctioneer, is an appraiser qualified by the London and Provincial Antique Dealers and Appraisers Association. Marianne is a specialist in Indonesian antiques who has run a Post Street business for the past seven years.

The couple got married July 29 and opened their new store less than a month later. We'll let you know how they're doing and what they're selling in next month's *Storetrek* column.

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**DAVID LETTERMAN, HERE WE COME.** Our little village has certainly been in the media spotlight lately.

There was a July 20 *Bay Guardian* piece called "Neighborhoods in Chains," which covered the Supercuts—Hot Headz clash that took up many column inches in the *Voice* this spring.

Then the *S.F. Weekly* published a nice story on the neighborhood (July 27) declaring, "Sedate Noe Valley, home of coffee, toddlers, and Zippy the Pinhead, is just a small town in a big city."

Longtime resident and Zippy creator Bill Griffith expounded on the theme: "People used to call it Granola Valley or Nowhere Valley. Now 24th Street is primarily an urban mall for caffeine addicts and people who have jobs that don't require them to go to an office."

Not to be outdone, the *Sunday Examiner* magazine of Aug. 14 devoted its cover to an inviting photo of Portobello in the Noe Valley Mall. In a story titled "Off the Beaten Rack," the magazine pointed out the "unexpected treasures" to be found at Portobello (another fine secondhand furniture store) and at several other Noe Valley shops, including Echo, Always and Forever, the Planters Nursery, the French Tulip, B. Tech Aquarium, and Out of Hand.

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**LIFESTYLES OF THE HIP & ALTERNATIVE:** Day Street residents Sharon Tanenbaum and Matty Person were profiled, along with their son Jesse and Jesse's father, Bill Hirsh, on TV's *Good Morning America* this summer. The show was doing a series of portraits of "alternative families and lifestyles."

Sharon and Matty are lesbian partners who have been living in Noe Valley for the past 13 years. Their gay friend Bill resides in the Haight, but is quite active in co-parenting Jesse.

The *Good Morning* camera crew filmed the family of four at their Noe Valley homestead, and then followed them on a stroll through the neighborhood, stopping at the MikeyTom Market and Upper Noe Rec Center along the way.

Congrats also to Noe Street res. Rick Hauptman, current pres. of the Noe Valley Democratic Club. Rick was elected this past June to represent the 13th Assembly District on the Democratic County Central Committee. "Noe Valley now has its own voice on the committee," he says, and sends a thank you to all those who voted for him.

It was also a great summer for 12-year-old 24th Street resident Sarah Waldhorn. Her father, Steven Waldhorn, reports that Sarah was among 1,400 youngsters from around the world chosen to attend the prestigious Interlochen Arts Camp (in northern Michigan), a summer program devoted to training in music, dance, and theatre arts, Sarah's specialty.

Now, are you going to write a play about us, Sarah?

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**ODIOUS ODES:** Vera Hinsky of Clipper Street has a suggestion for the *Voice*: "Why not a humor column, say 'Gripes and Grins,' contributed by Noe Valley-ans?" she writes.

So we wouldn't be at a loss for curses, Vera even supplied us with two inaugural verses:

*It surely blows on Clipper Street!  
Pollution levels—we do not meet  
Carcino-genies in the air,  
Noise levels drive us to despair!*

and

*Twenty-fourth Street is no fun!  
Bell Market makes my money run!  
Some food Chinese is not the best,  
Parking—need I mention rest?*

If you'd like to send us a rhyming rebuttal, please do. The address is *Noe Valley Voice*, Prickly Poetry Department, 1021 Sanchez St., S.F. CA 94114.

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**THREE CHURCH STREET EATERIES,** one specializing in sweeteries (Rami's Caffe, Chloe's, and What's for Dessert), will get together to hold a benefit Oct. 23 in memory of Rami Sternfeld, the well-loved Church Street restaurateur who died last May of an AIDS-related illness. From 3 to 6 p.m., party-goers can graze at all three cafes, while listening to musical entertainment and perusing some local art and books for sale.

According to Mervyn Mark of What's for Dessert, the cost will be 20 bucks a ticket, and the group hopes to raise \$10,000, to be donated to the AIDS Emergency Fund in Rami's name.

More on this scoop in next month's *Voice*.

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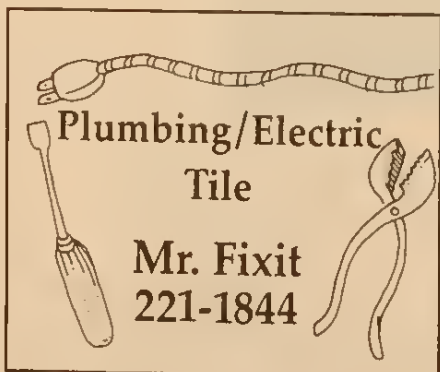
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# CALENDAR

**SEPT. 1 & 2:** Silvia Martins performs solo DANCES to the music of Ravel's *Bolero* and Barber's "Knoxville. Summer of 1915," among others. 8 pm. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St. 621-7797

**SEPT. 1-5:** "Building Bridges to Equality" is the theme of the 13th Annual International CONVENTION of Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG). Hyatt Regency, Embarcadero Center. Call 626-2858 or 206-1771 for info.

**SEPT. 2:** Terry Baum presents excerpts from her PLAY *One Fool or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Dutch*. 8 pm. Old Wives' Tales, 1009 Valencia St. 821-4675

**SEPT. 2 & 3:** Columbia Park Boys Club sponsors a late-night SDCCER LEAGUE for boys 14-19 on Fridays and Saturdays, 8:30 pm-midnight. 450 Guerrero St. 861-8232.

**SEPT. 2-OCT. 16:** "Beyond the Armory V" is a group show of works by ARTISTS at the Clay Studio. Reception Sept. 2, 6-8 pm, gallery hours Wed., Fri. & Sat., 10 am-5 pm. 52 Julian Ave. 431-6296

**SEPT. 3-5:** The 13th Annual SAN FRANCISCO FAIR offers food, entertainment, exhibits, and contests. 11 am-7 pm. Civic Center. 703-2729

**SEPT. 3 & 7:** New Dawn YOGA Therapy gives a free introductory class, bring a pad to use. Sept. 3, 9-10:30 am, Sept. 7, 6-7:30 pm. Bethany Methodist Church, Clipper & Sanchez. 285-1831.

**SEPT. 4:** Celebrate talented up-and-coming writers, singers, and performers at Open Michelle Night, Old Wives' Tales' PERFORMER SHOWCASE. 7 pm. 1009 Valencia St. Call 821-4675 or arrive by 6:45 pm.

**SEPT. 4, 11, 18 & 25:** The San Francisco Friends (DUAKERS) meet for worship at 11 am (10 am in Noe Valley). 65 Ninth St. Call 695-9345 or 550-2689 for Noe Valley location.

**SEPT. 4, 11, 18 & 25:** St. Paul's Sunday afternoon BINGO begins at 1:30 pm. 221 Valley St. 648-7538.



*If the fog ever clears, perhaps we'll see another "Moon Over Noe Valley," like this one captured by Voice photographer Ed Buryn.*

**SEPT. 8:** Learn lively jigs and REELS at the Scottish Country Dancing introductory class. 8 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 333-9372

**SEPT. 9:** IMPROV COMEDY group Melropolis performs at the Noe Valley Ministry. 8 pm. 1021 Sanchez St. 563-2496

**SEPT. 9-24:** Static Theatre Company's premier PLAY, *Tanguedia*, is a satire based on Euripides' *Phoenician Women*. Fri. & Sat., 8:30 pm. Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St. 695-6970

**SEPT. 9-OCT. 6:** Voice photographer NAJIB JOE HAKIM exhibits his work in "RE generation." Reception Sept. 9, 6-8 pm, gallery hours Mon.-Fri., 10 am-6:30 pm. Exposed Gallery, 425 South Van Ness Ave. 487-9996.

**SEPT. 10:** St. Luke's Hospital's series of health SEMINARS continues with a discussion of women and heart disease, with Dr. Joseph Blumenthal. 10:30 am-noon. 3555 Army St. 821-3627

**SEPT. 10:** Back Room Yoga Studio offers a free beginning YOGA class. Noon-1:30 pm. 1199 Sanchez St. 821-2979

**SEPT. 11:** Pianist Kevin Rayhill performs a SOLO RECITAL of works by Beethoven, Haydn, and Mendelssohn. 4 pm. Community Music Center, 544 Capp St. 647-6015.

**SEPT. 11:** To launch the Noe Valley CHAMBER MUSIC Series, cellist Emil Miland and pianist Robin Sutherland play music by Beethoven, Carlson, and Rachmaninoff. 7 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 282-2317

**SEPT. 11:** The Noe Valley Ministry's CANTATE service of chanting, meditation, and prayer begins at 7 pm. 1021 Sanchez St. 282-2317.

**SEPT. 12:** The Diamond Senior Center hosts an Admissions Day DANCE with music by the Rusty Duo. Noon-3 pm. 117 Diamond St. 863-3507

**SEPT. 12, 19 & 26:** The Golden Gate BOYS CHOIR and Bellringers invite boys age 7 and older, with unchanged voices, to audition for membership. 4:30-6:30 pm. St. Mary's Cathedral choir room, 1111 Gough St. Call 431-1137 for an appointment.

**SEPT. 13:** The S.F. Public Library Commission holds a PUBLIC HEARING to discuss preferences for library services and open hours. 7 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St. 695-5095.

**SEPT. 13 & 27:** The Noe Valley Library holds a STORY TIME for preschoolers. 10 am. 451 Jersey St. 695-5095.

**SEPT. 13, 16 & 17:** Community Music Center offers new STUDENT REGISTRATION for group and private classes. Tues. & Fri., 3-7 pm, Sat., 10 am-1 pm. 544 Capp St. 647-6015

**SEPT. 14 & 17:** "YOGA for Any Body" is an eight-week series on Wednesdays (starting Sept. 14, 6 pm) or Saturdays (Sept. 17, 9 am), sponsored by New Dawn Yoga Therapy. Center for Movement Education, Chenery & Randall. 285-1831.

**SEPT. 15:** LA LECHE LEAGUE offers a discussion, "The Family and the Breastfed Baby." 10 am. Natural Resources, 4077 1/2 24th St. 282-7816.

**SEPT. 15-24:** Dancers' Group/Fool-work presents the Jordan Fuchs DANCE Repair Company in "Slick Boy, the Everyman Trilogy." Thurs.-Sat., 8:30 pm. 3221 22nd St. 824-5044

**SEPT. 15-NOV. 2:** Noe Valley artist JOSE RAMON LERMA exhibits his paintings at the East Bay Municipal Utility District gallery. 8 am-4:30 pm. 375 11th St., Oakland. (510) 464-3586

**SEPT. 16-18 & 23-25:** Footloose presents a performance series of DANCE and theater, "Speak Up and Dance!" Fri. & Sat., 8:30 pm, Sun., 7:30 pm. 3252A 19th St. 641-8800

**SEPT. 17:** 27th Street invites the neighborhood to its third annual 800K GARAGE SALE. 10 am-2 pm. Between Church & Dolores. 282-4796

**SEPT. 17:** KAIROS Support for Caregivers offers a WORKSHOP, "Preparing for the Later Stages of Care." 10 am-4 pm. 114 Ooughlass St. Call 861-0877 for required advance registration.

**SEPT. 17:** Julie Dodd Tetzlaff leads a OOLLMaking class at the Randall Museum. 12:30 pm. 199 Museum Way. 554-9600.

**SEPT. 17:** The Green Party of California sponsors an evening with FOOD NOT BOMB! founders Keith McHenry and C.T. Butler. 7:30-9:30 pm. Women's Building, 3543 18th St. 255-2940.

**SEPT. 17:** Oan Ramajay luses steel drum and CALYPSO with jazz and Latin American music. 8:15 pm. Noe Valley Ministry. 1021 Sanchez St. 454-4665

**SEPT. 18:** Lifespan's BAY 8 BRIDGE 10K Run/Walk kicks off the 1994 United Way Campaign. Shuttles to starting line run 5:30 am-7 am from City Center (12th St. BART) in Oakland. Call 362-RACE for entry forms.

**SEPT. 20:** "Dining Out, Helping Out" benefits the S.F. FOOD BANK with selected restaurants donating 10% of the day's proceeds. 1-800-200-DINE for a list of participating restaurants.

**SEPT. 20:** The Noe Valley Library shows FILMS for preschoolers including "Circus Baby," "Red Riding Hood," and "Here Comes the Cat." 10 & 11 am. 451 Jersey St. 695-5095.

**SEPT. 20:** The GRAY PANTHERS' monthly meeting features a video discussion of problems of the homeless. 12:30-3 pm. First Unitarian Church, Franklin & Geary. 552-8800



**SEPT. 21:** St. Luke's Medical Center offers a 20-minute WOMEN'S HEART CHECK, including an ekg and cholest-erol and blood pressure tests. 7-9:30 am. 3555 Army St. 4th Floor. 821-3627

**SEPT. 21:** The Noe Valley Library screens FILMS about women artists: *World of Light: A Portrait of May Sarton*, *Quills in Women's Lives*, and *Love It Like a Fool: The Work and Life of Malvina Reynolds*. 7 pm. 451 Jersey St. 695-5095.

**SEPT. 21-23, 26 & 27:** Home Care Companions offers practical skills training for AIDS CAREGIVERS. 7-10 pm. Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce. Call 824-3269 to register.

**SEPT. 24:** The Noe Valley Music Series presents a CONCERT by the Either Orchestra. 8:15 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 454-4665

**SEPT. 25:** Miraloma Cooperative Nursery School holds an OPEN HOUSE for parents and children. 10 am-3 pm. 443 Foerster St. 585-6789

**SEPT. 27:** Luke Trent reads his POETRY at Keane's 3300 Club. 7 pm. 29th & Mission. 824-0835

**SEPT. 27:** Ruby Gold offers a free lecture on CHINESE MEDICINE. 7-9 pm. FI Mason. Call 641-7436 for info.



*Silvia Martins will perform two evenings of solo dance Sept. 1-2 at Theater Artaud. PHOTO BY BILL SIZEMORE*

**SEPT. 27-OCT. 11:** Vietnamese combat PHOTOGRAPHERS exhibit their work in "Vietnam Then and Now." Reception Sept. 29, 6:30 pm; gallery hours Tues.-Sat., noon-5 pm. Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission St. 431-6911.

**SEPT. 28:** The Noe Valley Book Discussion Group's first meeting features a discussion of *The Orange Tree* by Carlos Fuentes. 451 Jersey St. 695-5095.

**SEPT. 29:** The monthly meeting of UPPER NOE NEIGHBORS begins at 7:30 pm. Upper Noe Rec Center, Sanchez & Day. 641-5989

**SEPT. 30:** Artists' Television Access presents the third annual Short Attention Span Film and VIDEO FESTIVAL. 8:30 & 10 pm. 992 Valencia St. 824-3890

## SEPTEMBER 1994

**SEPT. 6, 13, 20 & 27:** Diane See offers seniors a CLASS in self-healing. 1-3 pm. Diamond Senior Center, 117 Diamond St. 863-3507

**SEPT. 7, 14, 21 & 28:** Beginners and experienced writers are welcome at the Diamond Senior Center's CREATIVE WRITING workshop. 10:30-11:45 am. 117 Diamond St. 863-3507

**SEPT. 7, 14, 21 & 28:** Parents with infants or toddlers are invited to the Noe Valley Library's LAPSITS. 7 pm. 451 Jersey St. 695-5095

**SEPT. 10:** Vocalists Melissa Carey and Christian Nova perform BROADWAY SONGS. 8 pm. Community Music Center, 544 Capp St. 647-6015.

**SEPT. 10:** The Noe Valley Music Series presents a CONCERT by jazz artists Madeline Eastman and Bruce Forman. 8:15 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 454-4665.

**SEPT. 10:** Tax practitioner Jan Zobel teaches a CLASS, "Basic Tax and Recordkeeping for Self-Employed People." Call 821-1015 for particulars.

**SEPT. 10 & 11:** The African Violet Society's annual PLANT SALE features demonstrations and exhibits of unusual varieties. 10 am-4 pm. County Fair Building, 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way. 751-6037.

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## The Scoop on Calendar

The October 1994 issue of the *Voice* will appear Wednesday, Sept. 28, and will publicize calendar events occurring during the month of October. The official deadline for items is Sept. 15, but we'd love to have your flyers in our hot little hands by Sept. 12. Please mail your notice to the *Noe Valley Voice*, 1021 Sanchez St., San Francisco, CA 94114. Items are published on a space-available basis, with Noe Valley events receiving priority. Hope to hear from you soon. □